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American Fleet Causes Japanese To Hesitate

London, To-day.

The fact that there is no news of the expected visit to Berlin of the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, is taken by the foreign affairs correspondent of the "Daily Express" to mean that the reported negotiations to convert the Anti-Comintern Pact into a military alliance have broken down.

The correspondent, who asserts that Count Ciano has cancelled his plan to attend Hitler's Reichstag speech, says that this is the authoritative explanation he has received from Rome.

According to the report, Japan has hesitated, her naval authorities being impressed by President Roosevelt's order to concentrate the American Fleet in the Pacific.

However, German diplomacy is still making eleventh-hour efforts to change the Japanese Government's decision.

OPPOSITION TO MILITARY SERVICE

London, To-day.

The National Council of Labour met yesterday and reaffirmed uncompromising opposition to conscription. — Reuter.

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DETENTION CAMP FOR H.K. DELINQUENTS

PROPOSALS FOR MODERNISING HONG KONG PRISON ACCOMMODATION AND PLACING CERTAIN PRISONERS INTO A "CONCENTRATION CAMP" INSTEAD OF PRISON HAVE NOW REACHED A MORE ADVANCED STAGE.

These proposals, it may be recalled, were the subject of a special report by the Commissioner of Prisons.

Describing the deliberations going on "without intermission" in the inner circles of the Japanese Government as "momentous," "The Times" correspondent in Tokyo says that on balance it is still permissible to expect that whatever Hitler may promise his audience on Friday, he will be unable to say that Japan will fight the Axis battles in the Pacific.

The situation of even the future of the Japanese Cabinet is in the most delicate of balances, the correspondent concludes. — Reuter.

AIR SERVICE TO ANKARA

Ankara, To-day.

An agreement relating to the inauguration of a commercial air route between Berlin and Istanbul was signed yesterday by the Turkish Minister of Communications, M. Ali Hilmi Cetinkaya and Herr von Winterfeld, representing Lufthansa. The new air route will be opened on June 1. — Trans-Ocean.

Government has now decided to proceed with the construction of a Detention Camp at a cost of \$480,000.

It is also proposed to make improvements at Latchikok Prison at a cost of \$50,000, and to build an isolation block for lepers at Stanley at a cost of \$28,000.

BRITAIN'S BUDGET ANALYSED

SHOCKS

An increase in the motor-car h.p. tax from 15/- to 25/- per h.p.

Increased duties on sugar and tobacco.

Surtax up by 5 per cent. on incomes between £2,000 and £8,000; and by ten per cent. on incomes above £8,000.

National debt increased last year by £826,000,000 including loans to Turkey and Czechoslovakia.

Defence bill is going up by £50,000,000. Original estimate of £580,000,000 has increased already to £630,000,000 and may be more.

SURPRISES

Reduction in entertainment duty.

No increase in income tax. Estate duties higher in higher levels.

Excise duty on photographic materials.

Berlin Feat Of Gafencu

London, To-day.

IN an interview with Mr. Vernon Bartlett, M.P., the diplomatic correspondent of the "News Chronicle," the Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, discounted the inevitability of war.

M. Gafencu declared: "I for one refuse to believe we cannot find a common language in which to discuss the possibilities of peace."

Mr. Bartlett himself believes that M. Gafencu is the first Foreign Minister to visit Berlin in recent months without being persuaded to sign some document which limited his country's independence.

"One hopes his colleague of the Balkan Pact and the Little Entente, M. Markovitch, who is visiting Berlin, will remember this notable precedent." — Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



— AND THEN TRY!

30,000 MORE ON NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVED LIST

BRITAIN TO RETAIN CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

London, April 20. The Permanent Committee of the House of Commons to-day rejected, by a vote of sixteen to seven, a proposal for the abolition of capital punishment for a period of five years. The proposal was submitted by a Labour Member, Mr. George Benson. The Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, had opposed the suggestion.—Havas.

ANOTHER SHIP SEIZURE RUMOUR

Persistent rumours along the waterfront this morning alleged the seizure by the Japanese Navy somewhere off Saigon of the Hong Kong steamer "Helikon."

The Helikon, owned by Wo Fat Sing, and commanded by Captain Anderson, with G. L. Lefevre as Chief Officer, was known to be in the vicinity.

Authoritative quarters, however, doubt the accuracy of the report, pointing out that the Japanese are unlikely to be operating so far south, and that furthermore, no call for assistance has reached the British naval authorities.

ITALIAN PRESS RESUME ANTI-FRENCH CLAMOUR

Rome, Apr. 18. The press reported assaults against Italian residents in Tunisia to-day, classifying these incidents as "provocations to the whole Italian people."

"The greatest indignation is felt in Rome and among Italians in Tunisia following the continuous provocations indulged in by anti-Fascist elements under the kindly eye, that is, with the encouragement, of the authorities," the "Giornale d'Italia" summed up.—Havas.

"PUPPET" NOTE TO FRENCH

Shanghai, To-day. Speculation is rife concerning the note sent to the French Consul-General by Fu Siao-en, Mayor of the "Puppet" Special Municipality of Shanghai protesting against the assassination of Wang Hsien, Secretary of the Municipality, in the French Concession on April 17. It is believed that the French authorities will ignore the note, as they have not recognized the "Puppet" government.

New Occupations Added

Important changes and additions in the Schedule of Reserved Occupations (Provisional) relating to National Service are announced by the Ministry of Labour. The main effects are as follows:

Women in occupations included in the schedule are reserved irrespective of age, except shop assistants and certain workers of a similar type, for whom the age of reservation will be 25.

Workers in many industries, already reserved, will have the restriction lifted if they wish to become members of aircraft crews. The age of reservation has been reduced in a few occupations and increased in others.

About 30,000 more workers have been reserved by the addition of new occupations to the schedule.

Industries affected by removing the restriction on men who desire to join the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve or the Auxiliary Air Force as pilots or other members of aircraft crews include building, electricity, metal, cycle and motor-car, transport, and food.

Two women out of every three do not appear in the census returns as having any occupation. The only women with which the reserved schedule deals are those who are employed and in war time would be largely needed as far as possible to do men's work.

It is regarded as inadvisable to reduce the reserve of skilled de-

16 REPLIES TO HERR HITLER

London, To-day. The press continues to show the greatest interest in the answers given by the smaller European nations in reply to the German enquiry whether they considered themselves threatened by German aggression.

It is asserted that so far 16 nations have answered.—Trans-Ocean.

DIAMOND GRINDING IN REICH

Berlin, To-day. Measures have been taken by the German Government to convert the German diamond grinding works into industrial undertakings and to intensify production. All German undertakings will, accordingly, cease to function as handicraft works and will, in future, be on an industrial basis in order to increase their efficiency and output.—Trans-Ocean.

FEAR OF SABOTAGE IN CANADA

Toronto, Apr. 18. Fear of sabotage acts in most of the industrial centres in Canada are growing throughout the country. The "Toronto Star" announces that war veterans have decided to guard the electricity plants in Toronto, which are the principal sources of energy in a highly-industrialized re-

male labour which could take the place of some male labour in the event of emergency.

It is estimated that about 30,000 women are needed for work with the Auxiliary Territorial Services and the Air Ministry.

In addition, 55,000 women are needed for a woman's land army which has been formed. They can enrol, but will not be trained for land work until war time.

ALTERATIONS IN AGES

It has been decided that it would be unwise to have a possible shortage in an emergency of any class of woman which has any appreciable degree of industrial skill.

Millions of women are not affected by the reserved schedule, and there is a big field for service in nursing, first-aid, &c.

Alterations in the age of reservation are as follows:

Architects.—Reserved from 25 instead of at all ages.

Bank Officers and Clerks.—Age of reservation raised from 25 to 30. This change, it is estimated, will affect 10,000 bank officers and clerks who are not already enrolled for National Service.

Navvy, Mains Layer, &c.—Age of reservation of general foremen and navvy gangers reduced from 30 to 25. Timbermen and tunnel miners reserved at all ages instead of from 25.

Brick Tile and Fireclay Goods Manufacture.—Age of reservation of foreman, charge hand, hand moulder—other than brick—kiln-setter, burner—refractory goods—and mould maker reduced from 30 to 25.

Carborundum Manufacture.—Age of reservation of foreman, charge hand, moulder, turner, fireman and kilnman reduced from 30 to 21; inspector, grader and balancer from 30 to 28; and crusher, mill attendant, sizer, mixer, mixer-preparer from 30 to 25.

New occupations which are brought into the schedule, with the ages of reservation, are:

Salaried Social Worker in the mental health field (full time).—All ages.

Gas Manufacture (other than coal gas).—Foreman, charge hand, cylinder inspector, gas maker, compressor, gas hand, cylinder filler, entomologist, 25.

Dyeing and Cleaning.—Foreman, charge hand, dyer, dry cleaner, 30.

Roofing, felt-fixer or layer.—



Together for the first time on the screen, Barbara Stanwyck and Herbert Marshall co-star in 20th-Century-Fox's drama "Always Goodbye," at the King's Theatre to-day.

Foreman, charge hand, 30.

Funeral Services.—Funeral director (including assistant-director, branch manager), foreman coffin maker, 30.

Members of Editorial Staff of newspapers, periodicals and news agencies, 30.

Packer (Laboratory Furnishers).—30.

Whole Time Probation Officer.—35.

FREEDOM TO JOIN SERVICES

The schedule is still subject to revision. The Ministry of Labour emphasises that its purpose is to prevent men and women whose skill and experience would be more useful in time of war in helping to maintain essential production and services from undertaking full-time service in which their skill and experience would not be used. There are no restrictions on the freedom of persons covered by the schedule to:

Change their occupations by joining the regular armed forces, regular policy forces or regular fire brigades;

Join a branch of service in a service trade corresponding to their civilian occupation;

Undertake A. R. P. work at their place of employment;

Undertake any other service that would be part-time in war, subject only to the understanding that in time of war their work in their ordinary occupation would have first claim on them.

Women on the schedule are not restricted from nursing and first aid services.

ITALIAN WAR EXPENSES INCREASE VASTLY

Rome, Apr. 18. Italian war expenditure during the 1938 to 1939 fiscal year, which will end on May 31, will show an increase of 572,000,000 lire over the past fiscal year. It was disclosed to-day. Of this increase, 485,100,000 lire will have been taken by the Army, 19,746,000 by the Navy and 114,200,000 by the Air Force.—Havas.

CABINET DECIDES ON CONSCRIPTION

Premier Sees The King: Another Stern Warning

LONDON, TO-DAY.

HEADLINES BLAZONED THE GOVERNMENT'S REPORTED DECISION TO INTRODUCE A MEASURE OF CONSCRIPTION IN THE EARLY EDITIONS OF THE MORNING NEWSPAPERS, BUT THE NEWS CAME TOO LATE TO ALTER THE PREVAILING EDITORIAL COMMENT WHICH IS CONFINED TO THE BUDGET.

Displacement of the Budget from the leading position on the news pages gave late night workers and West End revellers their second stern reminder within a few hours of the seriousness of the times through which Britain is passing. At the same time the shock was not great, for the nation had been fully prepared, reading the signs and warnings in the press for the last few days, for further sacrifices affecting not only their pockets.

Speculation among political correspondents over what the Government is planning following last night's surprise Cabinet meeting and Mr. Chamberlain's call on His Majesty, shows remarkable unanimity.

There is not entire agreement on the age group stated to be contemplated — it ranges from 18 to 20 in the "Daily Herald" and "Daily Telegraph" to 18 to 21 in the "Daily Express" and "Daily Mirror" and 18 to 25 in the "Daily Mail" — but in other essentials the correspondents have the same information.

Thus it is agreed that the young men affected will serve a short period with the Regular Army — three months or four months — and will then be drafted into local Territorial units, for, as the "Daily Mail" insists, four years.

EXEMPTION REVISION?

The list of reserve occupations announced at the time of issue of the National Service handbook, and since added to, is considered likely to be revised in order to free the greatest number of men.

The "Daily Telegraph" calculates that 450,000 would be conscripted according to the 1931 Census figures.

It is recalled by the "Daily Express" that there were over a million between the ages of 18 and 20 in Great Britain at that time.

APPEASEMENT!

Some reports assert that the necessary Bill will not be rushed through the House but will be the subject of some debate in order that the Opposition may be "appeased."

The "Daily Herald" diplomatic correspondent says that intense feeling has been aroused in Opposition circles by news of Mr. Chamberlain's sudden abandonment of his reported declaration that pre-time conscription is not under consideration.

Much reference is made to representations from abroad, particularly from France and War Office experts having influenced the Government's rapid abandonment of the pre-time conscription plan.

STATEMENT EXPECTED

Mr. Chamberlain's meeting with Mr. C. R. Attlee and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, the Labour leaders, after to-day's Cabinet meeting (where it is likely the Government's conscription deliberations will be completed) will no doubt have an important bearing on the attitude of the Opposition.

Possibly a statement can be expected at the end of question time in the House of Commons this afternoon (Wednesday).

A brief editorial in the "Daily Mail" comments: "The Government has decided on the measure and the country will support it.

LONG FORESEEN

"Compulsory service has long been foreseen as inevitable and will be patriotically accepted. Conscription is a warning to the world that Britain is determined to protect her Imperial interests and to live up to her pledged word."

The "Daily Express" says: "Hitler is the real author of both measures (conscription and the Budget). Hitler, when he frames his reply to President Roosevelt on Friday will know where we stand."

"Make no mistake. Conscription is being introduced because it was the will of the people." — Reuter.

CABINET DISCUSSION

London, To-day. It is understood that a special meeting of the Cabinet held last evening decided to introduce compulsory military service for all men between 18 and 21.

After the meeting, the Prime Minister was received by the King at Buckingham Palace.

A statement from official quarters regarding the details is not yet forthcoming.

It is, however, stated that many of the 1,000,000 men liable under the Bill that would have to be passed, are subject to exemption, and provision will be made for extension of the age to 25 years if it is found to be necessary.

This would bring the total of potential recruits to 2,000,000.

THE PLAN

Only 750,000 at the maximum would be called up for service at any one time.

RUSSIAN A.R.P. DRILLS

Moscow, April 19.

Mass drills in anti-aircraft and anti-chemical defence are being held in 60 cities of the U.S.S.R., including Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Khabarovsk, Baku, Minsk, and others. As soon as the alarms are given, the working people put on their gas masks and continue thus with their work. The drills will last until May 1. — Tass.

JUNKER JU52 DELAYED

The German Junkers plane of the Lufthansa Company, on a flight from Berlin to Tokyo, is proceeding ahead of schedule, but, according to latest reports has not yet arrived at Hanoi.

The plane, according to the original schedule, is expected to land at Tokyo on May 3, but it is now possible that it may arrive earlier.

The plane is not expected to arrive in the Colony to-day.

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DEFENCE SURPRISE FOR CROWN IN MURDER TRIAL

That the defence will also be supported by the testimony of eyewitnesses — a married woman and her nephew — who will say that, prior to the fatal chopper attack, there was a struggle between the Japanese and the accused, in which the latter was attacked, stated Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Criminal Sessions this morning when the "Cha Heung Cafe Murder Trial" was resumed before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Accused of the murder of Hiyoji Sagara, 22-year-old Li Ping-chun, accompanied the Chief Justice, Crown Counsel, Counsel for the defence, and the Jury to the scene of the murder this morning.

A waitress, Chan Fong, was tendered for cross-examination, and in the witness-box, under cross-examination by Mr. Sheldon she said:

"I am not nervous. I gave evidence before the Magistrate. I answered all questions asked by Crown Counsel. All the answers were true. I knew deceased as a customer but not personally. He came to the cafe on two occasions and on both occasions he drank wine. On both occasions he threw the towels at me after wiping his hands. Sometimes he threw it into my face sometimes into my hands. He did it jokingly. His face turned red after drinking the wine, but on the night of the incident I did not notice whether his face was red or not, for I was very busy."

TWO CUPS OF WINE

"That night I served him with two cups of wine. I do not know whether he had anymore afterwards. The first unusual thing I saw was deceased put out his hand and grab at accused. This happened near the first cubicle in the cafe. The next thing I noticed was deceased returning to the third cubicle."

"Immediately after deceased grabbed at accused, deceased's other hand stretched out to get at something. "Accused made a grab at the same time and I saw him holding the chopper in his hand."

"In the third cubicle, accused cut deceased."

"I did not see the actual chopping. I was frightened."

THROWN OVERBOARD

Mr. Sheldon then stated that he wished to put in the statements made by witness at the Magistracy, and explained his reason by commenting that the witness was the principal witness for the prosecution and has been "thrown overboard" by the Crown.

Witness adhered to her former statement that she saw deceased sitting down while accused struck him on the head and neck. She made one amendment saying that deceased was chasing accused and not accused chasing deceased.

Witness added that she did not see accused pick up the chopper, and that there was a mahjong game being played in the cockpit.

Dr. G. I. Shaw, Medical Officer of the Hong Kong Prisons, said he had accused in his charge for special observation from March 24 to observe his mental condition. Witness found nothing to indicate an abnormal mind. There was also no trace of mental disease.

In reply to Crown Counsel, witness said: "As I happen to know the history of this case, my opinion is that accused was not insane. I am of the opinion that he knew what he was doing."

Cross-examined by Mr. Sheldon, witness said he had made no special study of mental diseases and that he had no degree in psychological medicine, but, he had had considerable experience as he had dealt with many mental cases while in the Colony.

"I am not an expert in mental diseases," witness replied to Mr. Sheldon.

Witness said that if accused's statement was true, he must have been sane.

Mr. Sheldon: "Supposing someone came up to you with the foulest insult, what would your reaction be?"

"I would probably hit him."

"The reason would be that you were temporarily out of control?"

THE DEFENCE

Mr. Sheldon stated that he was calling two eyewitnesses on behalf of the defence. One of them will be a woman and the other a boy who both entered the cafe shortly before the incident and would say that they saw a struggle between deceased and accused. A third witness, a waitress, of Tai Shing restaurant, where deceased was once taken out by Inspector Darkin, and would say that deceased was a drunken and troublesome man.

The first witness called was a married woman, Chan Siu-kwan, who said:

"I went with my nephew to the Cha Heung Cafe shortly after 11 p.m. on January 28. We sat at the second table on the left near the wall."

"I saw a customer slap a foki several times."

CROWN PROTEST

At this juncture, Mr. Whyatt protested, stating that nothing had been put to previous witnesses to indicate that the defence was that a slapping incident, occurred near the third cubicle prior to the incident.

The Chief Justice agreed and said that from beginning to end, nothing of such nature was put to any of the witnesses.

Mr. Sheldon pointed out that all witnesses said they heard no unusual noises prior to the chopping, and he was not going to strengthen Crown's case by cross-examining the witnesses on that point.

The Chief Justice repeated that it had never been suggested that the defence would be, that there was an attack on the foki prior to the chopping.

"The matter is, however, entirely for the Jury," remarked the Chief Justice, and witness continued:

"The foki walked straight to the chicken stand. The customer staggered after him. The customer appeared to be drunk. He seized the foki by the neck. I then left with my nephew because I was afraid."

Asked how she came to be a witness in case, witness replied:

"Since I was in the cafe I knew the report in the newspapers, stating that the foki attacked the customer, was incorrect, so I went to see Mr. Russ, solicitor of the foki."

The case is continuing.

A.R.P. COSTS

A grant of \$275 monthly as from April 1 to cover the cost of clerical assistance for the A.R.P. Warden's Committee and the Women's A.R.P. Union is proposed by Government in a vote for \$2,500 to be presented in Finance Committee to-morrow.

There are further sums of \$750 for hire of halls and lecturers' fees and \$1,500 for the purchase of A.R.P. handbooks.

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Berlin And New British Note

Berlin, To-day.

The interview which the British Ambassador, Sir Neville Henderson, was expected to have yesterday with the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, did not take place.

It was explained that Herr von Ribbentrop's engagements did not permit a meeting.

No arrangements have been made for an interview at a subsequent time.

If, as has been suggested, Sir Neville has a message to deliver to the German Government, there is at the moment no knowing when he will be able to deliver it.

ITALY FILLS ORDER FOR NEW SOVIET WARSHIP

ROME, TO-DAY. FOLLOWING TRIALS WHICH SHOWED IT TO BE ONE OF THE FASTEST WARSHIPS AFLOAT, THE ITALIAN-BUILT SOVIET LARGE DESTROYER "TASH-KENT" LEFT LEGHORN YES-TERDAY ON THE FIRST STAGE OF THE JOURNEY TO ODESSA.

The vessel has an all-Italian crew on board, who will take her to Istanbul, where she will be handed over to the Soviet naval authorities.

The "Tashkent" is a 2,800-ton vessel, capable of a speed of 42 knots, and equipped with 6 13cm. guns six 4.5 anti-aircraft guns, and nine torpedo tubes.—Trans-Ocean.

ENGLAND CAN FIGHT BUT WANTS PEACE

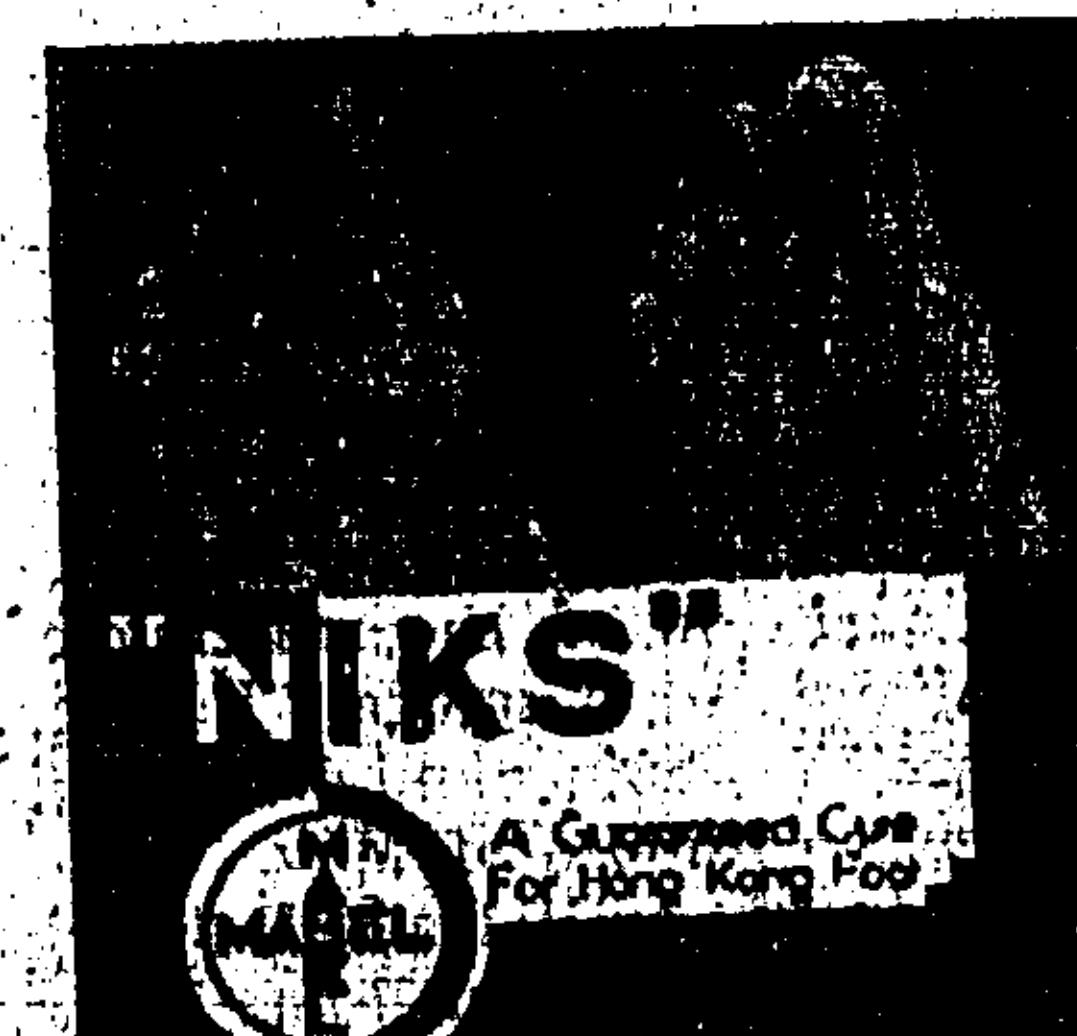
Toronto, April 21.

"Englishmen desire peace in the world, but show remarkable tenacity when compelled to fight."

This statement was made here to-day by Earl Baldwin, former Prime Minister of Great Britain, inaugurating a series of lectures he is to deliver in Canadian Universities.

Earl Baldwin then stressed the close harmony existing between the French and English races in Canada.

"This goes to show that war is not necessarily one of nature's laws, and that nations can find peace after centuries of struggle," he concluded.—Hayes.



German official quarters, however, emphatically discount the idea that the Ambassador is the bearer of any message from the British Government.

They base their attitude on Mr. Chamberlain's statement that the Ambassador was returning in the normal course of events after leave.

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" comments:

"Judging from its press, London is in a much greater hurry than Berlin to renew the threads of conversation with Berlin."

NOT IMPRESSED

The newspapers ridicule the idea that British conscription would impress Berlin.

"Der Angriff" says: "We are completely indifferent about the manner in which Britain organises her defence."

The "Allgemeine Zeitung" writes: "Britain must be mad if she thinks to move Germany by warnings or threats."—Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

Later last evening it was stated on reliable authority that Herr von Ribbentrop would receive Sir Neville Henderson to-day or Thursday. — Reuter.

EXTERTING INFLUENCE

London, To-day.

The British move in sending Sir Neville Henderson back to Berlin, is motivated, according to "the Daily Mail" by the desire to exert in the last minute an influence on Hitler before he speaks on Friday. It is believed that Hitler originally intended to reject President Roosevelt's message unconditionally but there are now signs according to the paper that he will leave at least parts of Roosevelt's plan open for discussion.

The left wing papers including the "News Chronicle" report that the Government action in sending the Ambassador back to Germany has made an unfavourable impression in America.

A MISTAKE

The step is described as a "mistake" since the Prime Minister "surely realizes that any gesture for the purpose of bringing about understanding is interpreted in Germany as an indication of weakness." The paper predicts that the action will have an undesired effect on the peace alliances which England is endeavouring to bring about.—Trans-Ocean.

BRIDGE TOURNEY

An enjoyable contract bridge tournament was held at the Kowloon Cricket Club last evening, despite a disappointing attendance. Teams of East and West, and North and South were opposed, eight hands being played at each table. East and West won by the handsome margin of 9,200.

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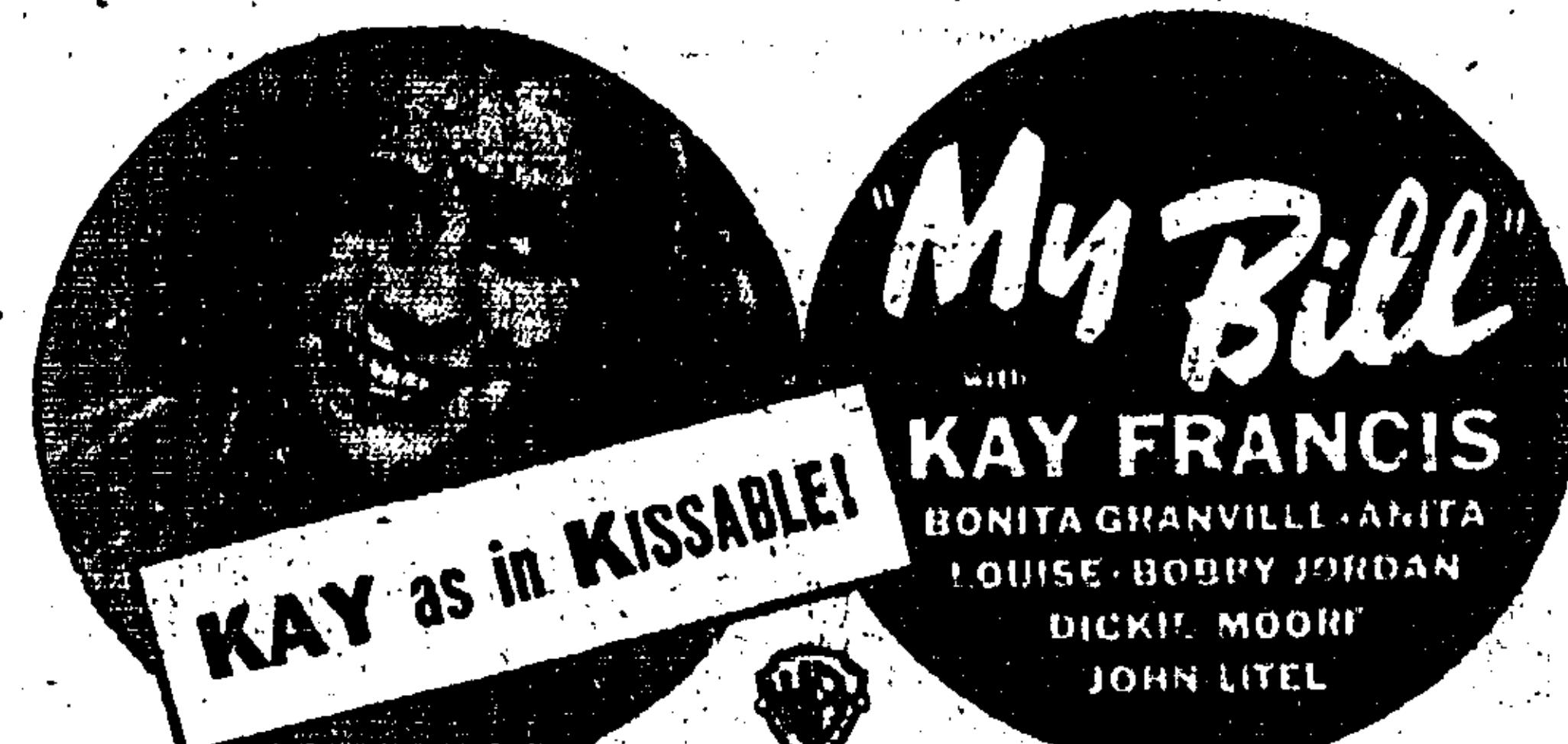
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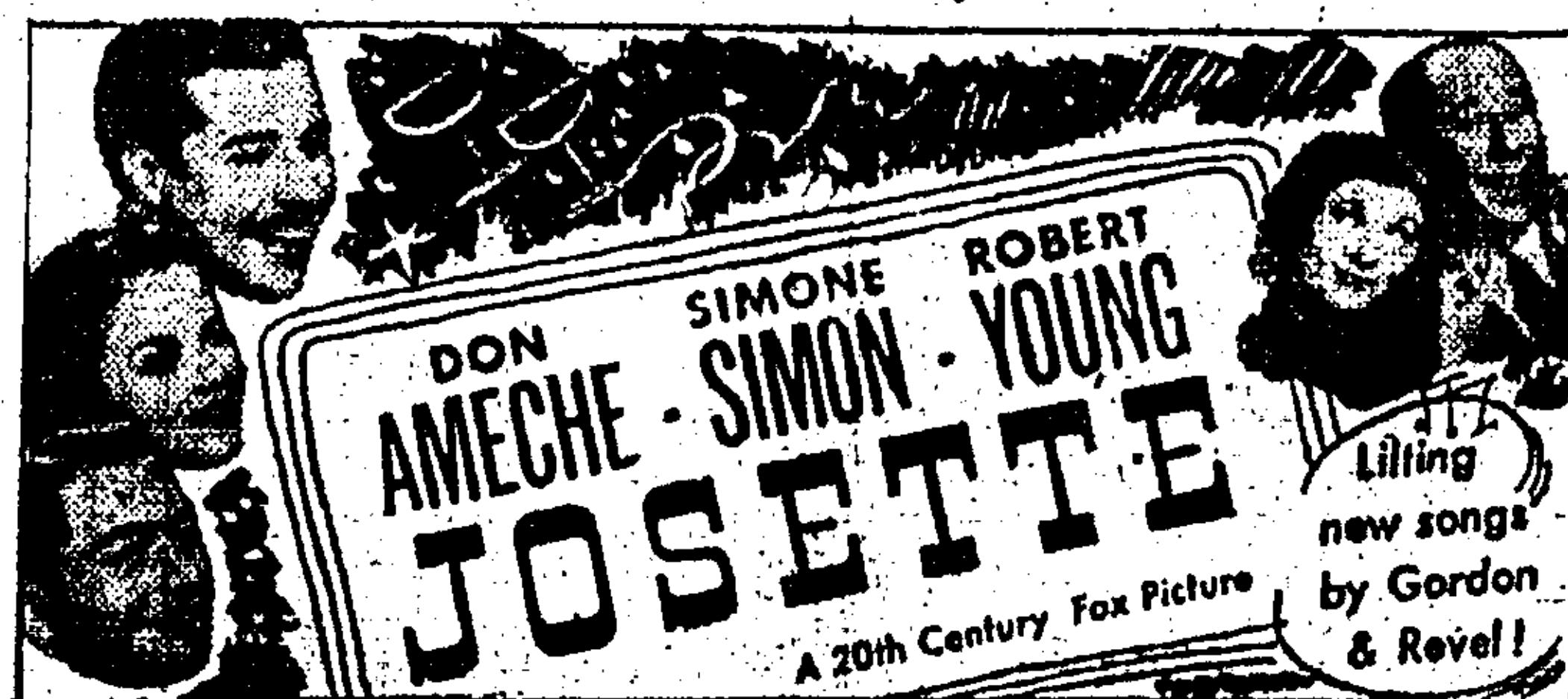
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OPPOSITION CRITICAL OF BUDGET: WEALTH CONSCRIPTION URGED

London, To-day.

Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition, complained that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was not really facing the problem of colossal expenditure but was passing it on.

Sooner or later borrowing was going to fall on the poorest of the poor.

Sooner or later, and the sooner the better, we should have to come down to taxation of accumulated wealth instead of creating an enormous indebtedness on which interest must be paid.

Sir Archibald Sinclair (leader of the Liberals) described the Budget as pedestrian and unimaginative.

He believed the people's goodwill and patriotism, of which Sir John Simon had spoken, would be greatly fortified if the taxpayer was convinced the Government were seriously tackling the problem of expenditure.

ECONOMICAL COSTS

"Let us be certain that the great expenditure on armaments is being economically administered. In the meantime, private expenditure, especially on luxuries, should be prevented from competing with the national rearmament effort."

Sir Archibald Sinclair said that while supporters of the Government were demanding conscription of manpower, there was little evidence in the Budget of a resolute policy to mobilise the country's financial resources for the national effort.—Reuter.

PARIS AND BRITISH BUDGET

Paris, To-day. Britain has risen wonderfully to the occasion, is the feeling here following the Budget, which has created a deep impression.

It is regarded as further proof that Britain is determined to stand and prepared to prevent aggression.—Reuter.

SUCHOW MENACED

Chungking, To-day. Suchow, important junction on the Tientsin-Pukow Railways, is now menaced by a strong Chinese force which has reached its northern suburbs.

The drive followed the defeat of the Japanese in the vicinity of Hanchwang, in southern Shantung yesterday.—Central News.

PEEPSHOW FINE

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed on Chan Fook, by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, for showing indecent pictures at Hollywood Road.

Defendant was seen by a constable, collecting money from people looking into a peepshow box in Hollywood Road near Queen's College.

Mr. A. Andrews, of No. 16 Bowen Road, has reported the theft of clothing and money to the value of \$120.

Lobby View On Budget

London, To-day.

GOVERNMENT supporters generally approve Sir John Simon's policy of avoiding an additional burden of income tax, says Reuter's lobby correspondent.

The decision to impose further taxation to meet the additional cost is regarded as a gesture of British determination which is expected to be appreciated in other countries.

Approval is expressed of the proposal to tighten the provisions against tax evasion.

Opposition members express relief that the burdens are not heavier, but a number of Labour members feel that more could be raised by taxing the higher ranges of income tax payers and thus pressing less heavily on payers of indirect taxes — sugar and tobacco. — Reuter.

BURGOS PROTEST TO FRANCE

Burgos, To-day. The delay in execution of the agreement concluded between Count Jordana and M. Berard, is criticised by the Spanish press today.

"Diaria Vasco" writes: "France does not fulfil the Burgos pact. Eighty per cent. of the North Spanish fishing fleet are still in French harbours. Although the release of the ships has been solemnly promised, only 80 out of 370 ships have returned up to the present." — Trans-Ocean.

PRINCE PAUL FOR ROME

Rome, To-day. The State visit of Prince Paul of Yugoslavia to Rome was announced on occasion of the meeting of the Italian and Yugoslav Foreign Ministers in Venice and will take place in the middle of May.

The Regent will leave Belgrade on May 9, and stay in Rome several days as guest of King Victor Emmanuel. — Trans-Ocean.

FOUR MILLION POUNDS A DAY BUDGET

Defence Outlay Jumps Further £50,000,000

Shock For Motorists: No Income Tax Increase

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, presented his second and, as the Chancellor himself described it, stupendous, Budget in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Total Budget figures amount to the terrific sum of £1,285,000,000. Revenue is estimated at £942,500,000 but to this will be added the amounts met by borrowing, estimated at £342,500,000.

This is part of the sum to be spent on defence, already increased to £630,000,000 and does not take into consideration any additional amounts which may be authorised by supplementary estimates.

Sir John Simon caused widespread relief by not announcing any increase in income tax. However, he shocked with announcement of

Increase of the motor-car tax from 15/- to 25/- per horse-power,

Excise duty on popular roll films and plates, Increases in the surtax and estate and death duties,

Another 2/- per lb. on tobacco, and

An increase on sugar of a farthing per lb.

The Chancellor announced a small amelioration in the abolition of the medicine stamp duty and a reduction in theatre entertainment duties.

Sir John explained that defence expenditure last year from revenue was £254,500,000. They had borrowed £128,000,000, making a total of £382,500,000 for the three defence departments.

With food storage and air raid precautions, the gross total was almost exactly £400,000,000.

Supplementary expenditure for defence was the most serious and important question, and the cardinal issue in the present budget.

FOOD RESERVES

Estimated expenditure for the supply services was £675,000,000.

Total estimated expenditure for air raids precautions services was £42,000,000, of which £37,000,000 would be borrowed.

Estimated expenditure on food reserves was £5,000,000.

Total expenditure provided from revenue was £922,000,000 apart from defence supplementary expenditure.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Dealing with social services and home expenditure, Sir John said that new internal projects calling for major additions in expenditure were not at present possible.

Dealing with revenue prospects, Sir John said he had estimated the various yields on the existing basis of taxation.

Total estimated expenditure on the existing basis of taxation was £918,000,000.

MIGHT BE MORE

The sum of £223,000,000 was available towards meeting this year's defence expenditure compared with the original figures of £580,000,000 for defence this year—£850,000,000 from loan and £280,000,000 from revenue—had risen to the region of £630,000,000 for defence in all its aspects and might well be more.

The whole difference should not

be met by loan, and there must be additional taxation.

The sum of £24,000,000 of the difference would be met out of revenue. The taxpayers therefore would find £942,000,000 and £380,000,000 would be by borrowing.

Sir John announced the abolition of the medicine stamp duty and reduction in the theatre entertainment duties.

EXCISE ON FILMS

He announced an excise duty on films and plates manufactured in Britain equivalent to 2d on popular roll films, giving an estimated revenue of £800,000 this year and £1,000,000 in a full year.

Sir John declared there would be no increase in the income tax standard rate, the announcement being received with cheers.

The cheers ceased when the Chancellor announced that the motor car tax should be increased from 15/- to 25/- per horse-power from January next.

The House also reacted to the Chancellor's announcement of changes in surtax and estate duties.

HIGHER SURTAX

As regards surtax, a surcharge of a further five per cent. on incomes up to £8,000 and a further 10 per cent. over £8,000 would be payable.

The tobacco duty would be raised from to-day (Wednesday) by 2/- to 11/6d a lb.

Sugar duty would be increased by one farthing a lb. from yesterday.

Sir John indicated there would be a death duty of 10 per cent. on estates over £50,000.

Total estimated revenue on the basis of taxation was £942,800,000.

Sir John referred to £630,000,000 required for defence as "this stupendous figure which measures the

London, To-day.

size and effort that has to be made and which measures the whole country's determination to make it." (General cheers).

NOT JUSTIFIED

Sir John said it would be easy to add to the loan figure, but he did not think this simple solution was justified.

If there was a limit to what was conveniently and tolerably raised by taxation, there was also a limit to what could wisely be raised by borrowing.

Heavy as was the burden of taxation upon all, the country was roused to the necessity for further sacrifices.

In the long run it would not be in the country's interest light-heartedly to attempt to throw the additional sum wholly into the borrowing scale, and consequently he proposed additional taxation of approximately £24,000,000.

TRADE AGREEMENTS

Legislation would be required on certain points arising out of the trade agreements with the United States and India, and he would have to table resolutions implementing certain provisions of the American Trade Agreement, and in the case of the Indian Trade Agreement, to bring the new agreement within the framework of the Ottawa Agreements Act.

Sir John explained that repeal of the medicine stamp duties and the relief to theatres by reducing the tax by a penny per admission, would cost about £1,000,000.

INCOME TAX

Dealing with income tax, Sir John said the present rate was within 6d of the highest figure in the War.

They had been doing all they could to encourage a measure of confidence in business, and there were grounds for expecting a further business recovery if there was no setback.

Therefore he had avoided any measure which would have a generally depressing effect on industry, even if the effect on industry was largely a matter of psychology.

SURPRISE FOR HOUSE

Sir John's announcement on car tax increases surprised the House, and there was general conversation among members who were obviously working out the increase in their own car taxes.

Explaining the sugar duty, Sir John said the present duty on foreign raw sugar was equivalent to

HUGE BRITISH PURCHASE OF WHALE OIL

Oslo, To-day. British buyers purchased as much as 58,000 tons of whale oil, the entire supply left over from last season.

The price paid was £15 per ton and cash payment made.

Interested circles connect the transaction with British efforts to store large reserves of foodstuffs and raw materials for emergencies.—Trans-Ocean.

9/4d per cwt.

The new rates involve an additional 2/4d per cwt.

Empire preference duty would be preserved and excise duty on home grown sugar adjusted to maintain the existing margin of advantage.

The House agreed to the tobacco and films resolutions.—Reuter.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Omitting defence supplementaries (says British Wireless) total expenditure from revenue for which he had to provide in this year's Budget added up to £922,444,000.

The fact such large sums had to be provided for defence had not meant that social services should be reduced. Cost of social services and civil expenditure as a whole was increasing. Total growth since 1925 of civil expenditure from taxes alone might be put at £180,000,000.

In the same period the sum collected from local rates had increased from £168,000,000 to a sum estimated at £210,000,000,000.

EXPECTATIONS

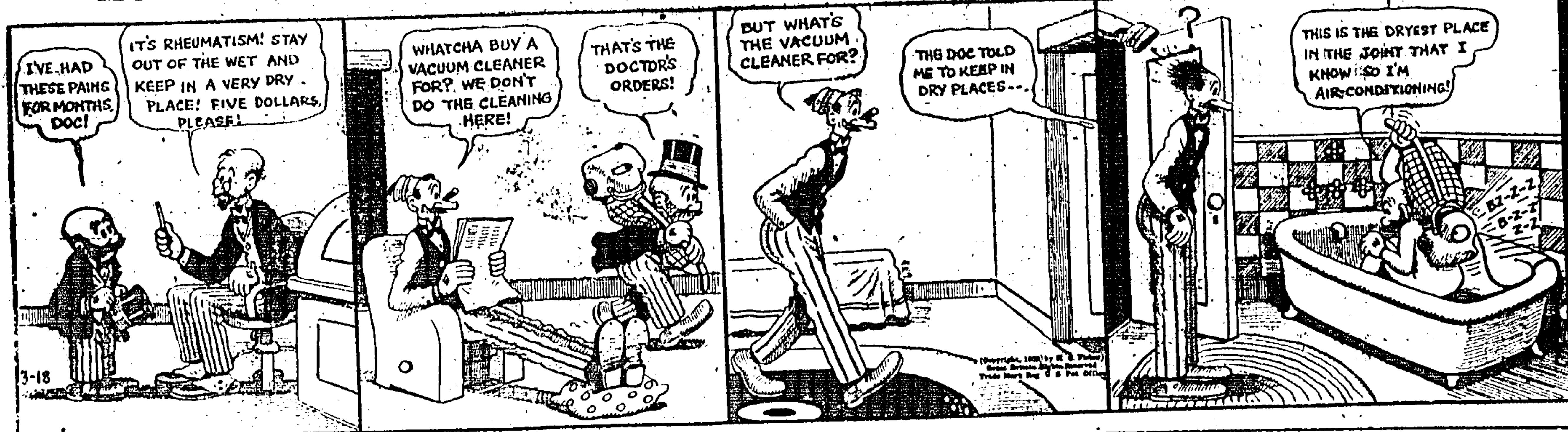
Dealing with revenue prospects, Sir John Simon said he thought it prudent to put customs and excise revenue at £338,000,000, or about £2,500,000 below last year's receipts income tax at £327,000,000—£9,000,000 less than actual receipts for 1938—surtax at £66,000,000—£3,000,000 more than last year—death duties at £77,000,000 and stamp duties £21,000,000, both the same as last year—national defence contribution in £25 million which was a full year's yield for the first time.

Private Morgan, of the Middlesex Regiment, was treated in the Military Hospital, after he had been bitten by a dog yesterday.

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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

ENOCH WAS SMART

"I'll tell you what," Enoch said, the day they had spent together on the "To-morrow you put on a pair of slacks mountain. Other days she had spent and pack a lunch. I'll get a steak and with him. The least she could do was pick you up in the jalopy around 8 to be honest. She resolved to explain o'clock and we'll climb Sugar Mountain. how things were because she felt he There's nothing better than a nice would understand.

Jama had lied when she told her mother no one had asked her to marry. Enoch, it sounds grand!"

It was perfect weather for a picnic. Cool and crisp and bright. In the lee of some rocks on the mountain top Enoch gathered stones, built a fire and broiled the steak over hot coals.

They spent the afternoon exploring. Jama couldn't remember when she'd had such an exciting time. At sunset, halfway down the mountain, they paused to watch the colours. Enoch's arm slipped about her waist. The kiss was sweet and tender.

It was two evenings later that Tony Penn asked Jama to attend the Country Club ball with him. She agreed and was thrilled with the prospect. The ball was the grandest affair of the season.

The night of the dance there was a fine drizzle. Tony 'phoned at the last minute that he had to run in town on a matter of business and would she mind if he sent his car and met her at the club.

She had to wait fifteen minutes for him, but she didn't mind that. There were too many interesting people to watch. When Tony got there they

were too many interesting people to watch. When I made my decision. I—I'm an answer.

The next day was Sunday and she went riding with Enoch. They drove down near the ocean and stopped to watch a passing ship.

Jama swallowed hard and began. "I promised you I'd let you know—how I felt when I made my decision. I—I'm going to marry Tony."

He was silent a moment. She could see the hurt in his eyes.

"Oh, Enoch, I'm so sorry! Please try and understand. A girl has to be practical when she thinks of marriage. A smart girl would marry a practical man."

"So you don't think I'm practical?"

"Oh, Enoch, darling, you're everything else but. You're—sweet!"

He smiled. "Darling, I'm the most practical man in the world. But I believe in making an occasion of life, in avoiding unpleasantness."

"Whatever can you mean?"

"I suppose you think it just happen-

By Barbara Ann Benedict

went into the cocktail lounge and had a couple of drinks. They were sitting at a remote table and Tony tried to kiss her. Jama felt conspicuous and told him to behave himself. Tony didn't like that. He sulked the rest of the evening.

When Jama came down to breakfast the next morning her mother acted as though she had something on her mind. After awhile she said:

"Jama, when are you going to think about getting married?"

"Married? Oh, mother!"

"You're twenty-four. If you wait much longer you won't have a choice. You'll have to take what's offered."

Her mother was thinking of Tony. Tony was the best catch in town. He could give her anything she wanted.

"No one's asked me yet."

"Now, Jama, you know very well how silly that is. Tony Penn's in love with you. Everyone knows that. He'd ask you if you gave him half a chance."

Impulsively Jama said: "I wonder if Enoch Starr would ask me."

"Enoch Starr!" her mother snorted. "That dreamer! Enoch Starr will never get anywhere. He's too interested in having a good time. Hasn't a practical bone in his body. Jama, look at the thing sensibly. Enoch's fine for romancing, but not for marriage."

Jama didn't want to think of marriage as anything but something beautiful and tender and lovely, but she knew her mother was right. When you make a life contract, you have to be practical. Any girl with a lick of sense would choose Tony Penn in favour of Enoch Starr for a life partner. She sighed. Her girlhood, she guessed, was over. She had to begin thinking of what lay ahead.

Wistfully she thought of Enoch and

ed that the sun shone all day when we took our picnic? Why, shucks, honey. I spent an hour checking the weather report. I spent another hour picking out the steak. I went up the mountain the day before and got those rocks together so you wouldn't have to wait for your lunch. I want to kiss you all day long, but I waited till sunset, for a perfect setting. I thought a kiss then would do the most good."

Jama's heart pounded. How wonderful! He was not only practical, but smart. He made it appear that things happened that way.

Enoch had the ring in his pocket. He had carried it there for months. It was perfect, fit precisely. Jama was delirious with happiness. Enoch was a little worried. It was a good idea all right. You always thought of good ideas when you were desperate. Perhaps, he thought, he'd better try putting it into practice and see how it worked. Be too bad if it didn't.

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Japan Flirts With Idea Of Military Alliance With Axis

INNER CABINET IN FAVOUR OF FREE HAND

Tokyo, To-day.

In an exhaustive investigation into the possible effects of the development of the European situation on the Far East, the Army paper, "Kokumin Shimbun" declares that already reflex effects are distinctly noticeable.

Japan must be clear about the fact, the Kokumin urges "that England is pursuing an encirclement manoeuvre against the Axis with support of the Soviet Union.

In view of such a situation, is it advisable, asks this organ, that Japan should interpret the anti-Comintern pact literally and restrict herself entirely to fight against the Comintern?

Japan took part in the world war in the spirit of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. Should she therefore now not "take positive steps in spirit of the anti-Comintern pact?"—Trans-Ocean.

FREE HAND

Tokyo, To-day.

Although the issue has not been finally settled, it is believed that the Inner Cabinet has decided, in principle, that Japan should retain a free hand in the event of a European conflict, and should not pledge herself to automatic action in advance.

It is now possible to reveal that last month, the Japanese Ambassador in Berlin who has been an ardent advocate of the proposal to convert the anti-Comintern Pact into a military alliance, actually finalised an agreement to this end in Berlin.

The agreement was, however, vetoed in Privy Council.

Baron Hiranuma is expected to submit the question to the Privy Council this week, with a recommendation that Japan retain a free hand. — Our Own Correspondent.

M. PIERLOT SEEKS SPECIAL POWER FOR KING

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

AT TUESDAY'S MEETING OF THE CABINET, THE PREMIER, M. PIERLOT, READ THE STATEMENT OF POLICY WHICH HE PROPOSES TO MAKE TO THE SENATE AND CHAMBER.

As the main task incumbent on the new Cabinet, the statement mentions the preservation of Belgium's independence on the basis of union of all Belgians, constitutional reform and an improvement of the country's economic and financial situation.

Regarding foreign policy, Belgium will demand special plenary powers for the King to enable him to take urgent decisions of military, economic and budgetary nature.

Additional resources for combatting unemployment and for other social purposes, as well as for na-

BOLIVIA COUP FREE OF DISORDERS

LA PAZ, TO-DAY.

NOTHING IN THE WAY OF DISORDERS HAS SO FAR OCCURRED IN BOLIVIA FOLLOWING THE ACTION OF THE STATE PRESIDENT BUSCH IN DISSOLVING PARLIAMENT.

The business of Government, it is stated, will continue for the time being to be conducted by the Cabinet although all its members have been released from office.

Meanwhile the State President has announced his intention of holding a general election in the near future.

In a proclamation issued yesterday, the President says his action was motivated by his determination to fight corruption, self-interest, and lack of patriotism, particularly on part of the press.

President Busch, it is added, is the leader of a movement known as Front Socialism. Many of its members are drawn from soldiers who took part in the Chaco War.—Trans-Ocean.

PRESS CONTROL IN SOUTH AFRICA

Capetown, To-day.

The South African Premier, General Hertzog, announced in Parliament yesterday that he would introduce a bill for control of the press before the summer recess in June.

The Premier hoped to receive the approval of the press for this measure.—Trans-Ocean.

A telegram received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, states "Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth has received with great pleasure the message contained in your telegram and desires to thank all communities in Hong Kong for their good wishes."

tional defence, will be created.

In conclusion, the statement declares that the political, economic and financial difficulties confronting Belgium do not justify anything resembling a panic. The country requires energetic leadership.—Trans-Ocean.

COST OF CARE OF REFUGEES

A further grant of \$250,000 for the feeding of refugees and maintaining camps, covering the period of the next six months, will be voted in Legislative Council tomorrow. \$150,000 has already been absorbed on this account.

M. MARKOVITCH ARRIVES IN BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

The German Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, met the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister, M. Markovitch, at the airport on the latter's arrival here from Rome yesterday.

M. Markovitch's engagements will last beyond the time of Hitler's speech on Friday.—Reuter.

FIRST TALKS

Berlin, To-day.

The Yugoslav Foreign Minister, who is staying at the Hotel Adlon, had his first conversation with Herr von Ribbentrop late yesterday afternoon and was in the evening guest of honour at a dinner given at the Hotel Esplanade.

INTERPLAY OF INTEREST!

Welcoming the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Markovitch, "Lokal Anzeiger" says that friendly relations between Yugoslavia and Germany have been carefully fostered for many years past.

Germany's "immense strength" sought an outlet in the south-east whilst Yugoslavia for her task of reconstruction sought economic and technical assistance as well as a cultural inspiration from her powerful northern neighbour.

The good relations between Belgrade and Berlin had arisen out of this interplay of reciprocal interests.

CORDIAL SPIRIT

The first conversations lasted about one hour and were conducted in a cordial spirit.

An official communiqué will be issued later but it is not expected to contain any information regarding the scope and nature of the conversations.

It is learnt, on good authority, that the initial interview revolved in main around the question of a rapprochement between Yugoslavia and Hungary.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

The following official communiqué was issued last evening:

"The German Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop received at 6.30 yesterday evening, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, Dr. Alexander Cincar Markovitch, at present staying in Berlin, for a lengthy discussion on questions affecting Germany and Yugoslavia.

"The interview was conducted in a friendly spirit and resulted in establishing a far-reaching identity of views on matters relating to both countries. The interview lasted one hour."—Trans-Ocean.

M. POTEMKIN'S SUDDEN TRIP TO ANKARA

Warsaw, To-day.

The sudden and unexpected departure of the deputy Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Potemkin, for Ankara, is stated, in a despatch from Moscow, to be in connection with the British negotiations for bringing the Soviet and Turkey into the anti-aggression bloc.

The Soviet, acting apparently on British suggestion, decided to send M. Potemkin to Ankara to make the position clear.

News of the appointment of von Papen as German Ambassador to Turkey has disturbed Soviet opinion.

PASSES THROUGH RUMANIA

M. Potemkin arrived yesterday in Bucharest from Tighina. He was met by an official of the Rumanian Foreign Office, and members of the staff of the Soviet Legation.

Later, M. Potemkin left in a private car for Giurgiu where he crossed the Danube to continue his journey through Bulgaria to Turkey.

It is stated that he was met, while still on Bulgarian soil, by a Turkish personage of high rank. It is also said that M. Potemkin did not put himself in touch with Rumanian political quarters while passing through the country.—Trans-Ocean.

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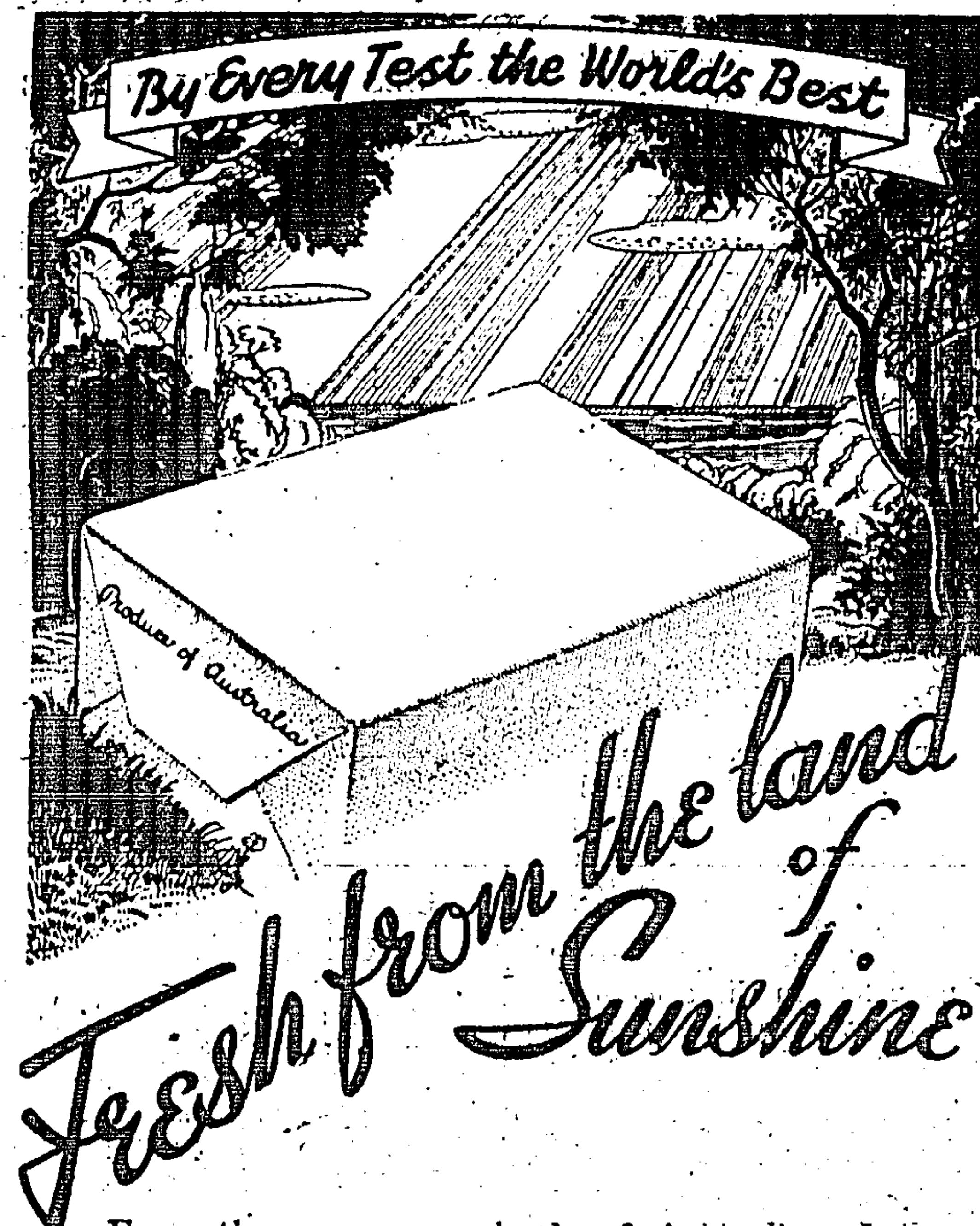
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CONSCRIPTION IN BRITAIN?

French pressure on Britain to enforce some measure of conscription, backed as it is by powerful sections of the Conservative Party, seems likely now to achieve its purpose, despite the recent decision to increase the establishment of the Territorials, which was obviously an indication of the Government desire to avoid measures of compulsory service.

There is of course essential logic in the French argument. Everything hangs together in Europe, is the contention of the Quai D'Orsay, and the strength of the British Army is the weak link in the "peace chain" that Lord Halifax is hoping to forge. As the French see it to-day, conscription in England can still save peace because (1) it would encourage those allies whom they still have to resist and so maintain in existence that "second front" which Hitler dreads above all things, and (2) it would render the defeat of the Western democracies highly improbable.

It is held that without British divisions ready to help, France, far from being able to pursue a big European policy, may not even be in a position to defend her own frontiers for more than a short time. The Maginot Line is not impregnable; no line of fortifications is against an indefinite accumulation of armaments and against an unlimited number of attacks, which Germany with her superior man-power could afford to launch. Moreover the Maginot Line may be turned through either Belgium or Switzerland. The French Army is better trained and perhaps better equipped than the German and Italian armies; defensive warfare requires fewer men than aggressive warfare, but even so numbers count from the very start, and from the start the proportion will be about two to three and a half. Apart from that France suffers from great inferiority in the air.

In reply to the argument that Britain has a bigger Navy and a better Air Force than France the usual reply in Paris is, We are not asking you to send us five million soldiers; but give us an army one-third the size of our Army and we shall be content. If you cannot have general conscription have at least some kind of partial conscription. Call up one or two 'classes' of recruits. It does not matter what you call it; but have half a million trained men as quickly as possible—or better still, a million. At that rate we do not need to win a war; we can prevent it."

Britain's resistance is, of course, traditional. The left wing parties are suspicious where they are not actively hostile. They feel they have a right to know what troops are to be used for before assenting even in principle, to compulsory enlistment. As

it is, the Government has difficulty enough in meeting problems of supply for such an army as is in being. Conscription, involving the calling of between 300,000 and 500,000 to the Colours, would not help towards a solution, and though the temper of the country is more amenable in the face of the menacing European situation, it is not at all certain that serious national divisions would not be created.

There is distinct value, however, in the use to which the Prime Minister has put the conscription pressure. Sir Neville Henderson's mission in Rome, to warn Herr Hitler that Britain will proceed to conscription in the absence of a more conciliatory policy, will achieve one of two things. It will have the desired effect in Germany. Or it will have the desired effect in Britain. In Germany, Mr. Chamberlain wants to make Britain's position crystal clear. If Hitler remains obdurate, passage of a conscription measure through Parliament will, for that very reason, encounter little opposition. Mr. Chamberlain does many things which are challengeable. But there are occasions when his methods earn the description "astute."

* * * Helium Wasted

It is improbable that the Germans in their recent discoveries of helium on the Dutch frontier made the mistake of the Americans in 1903, when millions of cubic feet of gas from which valuable helium could be extracted were allowed to escape into thin air. Helium was not known to have mineral sources then, and when at Dexter, Kansas, drills were being bored for natural gas it blew out with such force that the tools from the drill holes and rocks were scattered sky high. After great difficulty the well was capped, piped to a safe distance, and a torch applied. But instead of the gas igniting, as was expected, it extinguished the torch, to everyone's great disappointment. Afterwards the gas was allowed to escape as "wind from the earth" or "asbestos gas," and it was not until an American scientist discovered that helium was present in the gas that attempts were made to tap the supply, which proved to be the world's sole source for thirty-five years.

* * * A Strange American

A Mr. Moran, of Washington, who has already distinguished himself by a trip to the Arctic for the avowed purpose of selling refrigerators to the Eskimos, has recently hit on another bright scheme. He demonstrated at some expense and considerable trouble just how long it takes to find a needle in a haystack. A couple of tons of hay were dumped in a field; a needle was inserted with elaborate casualness, and Mr. Moran proceeded with the business of finding it. He worked 16 hours a day—82 hours in all—sleeping in the stack at night and varying the monotony of his search by selling wisps of hay to souvenir hunters (total receipts £12). When he at last found the needle he posted it to a New York scientific institution, which must have been somewhat puzzled over what to do with it.

As a "protest against employment," which it was meant to be, Mr. Moran's demonstration seems unimpressive, but as an example of practical eccentricity it could hardly be bettered.

Time Not Appropriate For Reciprocal Guarantee

ROOSEVELT MOVES TO SPEED GOVT. MACHINERY

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has submitted to Congress a proposal to re-group 16 Government offices under three new agencies, which will be given control over all Government lending, relief work and social welfare.

The new agencies would be called the Federal Loan Agency, the Federal Works Agency and the Federal Security Agency.

Under the new Government re-organisation, law proposals would become effective after 60 days if they are not rejected by both Houses of Congress.

TO MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK

Submitting the proposals, President Roosevelt said: "My sole object is to make Democracy work, to strengthen the arms of Democracy for peace or war and to ensure the solid blessings of free government."

"In these attempts of ruthless attempts to destroy Democratic government it is boldly asserted that the Democracies must be weak in order to be Democratic, and therefore it is easy to crush all free States out of existence."

"This reorganisation is an attempt to answer such charges." — Reuter.

CANADA'S BUDGET INTRODUCED

Ottawa, To-day.

The Canadian Finance Minister, Mr. Charles Dunning, introducing the Budget yesterday, announced that five per cent. duties would be imposed on imports of tin and crude rubber from countries not enjoying British preference.

Imports from all countries enjoying an intermediate tariff and most favoured nation privileges under the Canadian tariff would no longer be liable to the special three per cent. excise tax. — Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is passing into the Pacific to the south east of Japan and another has formed over North China. An area of low pressure extends from Korea to the northern Loochoo Island, and is moving eastward. Pressure remains relatively low over Tongking.

Local forecast:— East winds, light to moderate; overcast, occasional rain, some local fog or mist at first.

ANGLO-RUMANIAN NEGOTIATIONS IN LONDON

London, To-day.

Further conversations were held between the Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, and the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon.

No official intimation of the course and scope of the talks has yet been given but it is expected that a communiqué will be issued to-day.

In the meantime, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, there is reason to believe that arrangements have been made for extension to Rumania of facilities under the export credits scheme to enable Rumania to increase materially her exports to Britain.

It is believed that the question of supply of arms to Rumania was also discussed.

The European situation generally and the position in the Balkans in particular has been thoroughly reviewed, as well as the position arising from the British guarantee to Rumania.

NO PURPOSE

It is understood it was agreed that there would be no purpose at present of Rumania making the guarantee reciprocal.

The implications of the present Anglo-Russian discussions and of the Rumanian attitude towards receiving military assistance from Russia, were also discussed.

M. Gafencu reported on his conversations with Hitler and the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop. — Reuter.

CHIANG DENIES ANY PEACE DISCUSSIONS

Chungking, To-day.

In an interview with a representative of the "Ta Kung Pao" yesterday, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek confirmed previous reports that the general counter-offensive throughout China has not yet been officially started.

The Generalissimo stated that the Japanese have already exhausted themselves and will not be able to last much longer.

Referring to reports that the British Ambassador carried peace proposals from Shanghai to Chungking, the Generalissimo said that the Ambassador's mission to Shanghai had nothing to do with peace negotiations. — Our Own Correspondent.

FOOCHOW AGAIN BOMBED

Foochow, To-day. Foochow was again bombed by six Japanese planes yesterday. — Central News.

WAR NOT YET ENDED, SAYS FRANCO

Burgos, April 20. The declaration that "the war has not yet ended" made by General Franco in Malaga yesterday was given considerable prominence in the press here this morning.

"We did not fight against Spaniards, we fought against the world and the world is now suffering from our unity and our greatness," the General had stated. "This pain compels us to live in a state of watchfulness. The war has not yet ended." — Havas.

CHINESE DRIVE ON NANCHANG

Changsha, To-day.

Another stride has been made by the Chinese in their counter-drive on Nanchang.

They regained Tacheng, southwest of Nanchang, yesterday afternoon.

Owing to heavy damage to roads, the Japanese abandoned fifty lorries and armoured cars on their retreat. Japanese communications between Nanchang and Fenghsin have been disrupted.

Other Chinese units are closing in on Fenghsin, 23 miles west of Nanchang. Hot engagements are taking place. — Central News.

REDSKINS TO GREET KING

London, To-day.

When the King and Queen in the course of their trip through Canada arrive in Vancouver on May 29 on board the passenger steamer "Princess Marguerite," 20 canoes full of redskin Indians in full war paint and outfit will paddle up to the steamer to pay homage and to accord their Majesties a cordial welcome. — Trans-Ocean.



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SHARP SPEECH ON SEIZURE OF SAGRES

Virtually An Act Of Armed Piracy

"This further unwarranted action against British property (seizure of the Sagres) simply amounts to armed piracy, though such references may conflict with diplomatic niceties.

"It would appear desirable that the Japanese Government be reminded that the waters of this Colony . . . are available to their merchant tonnage without let or hindrance . . . and informed in no hesitant or appeasing terms that this continued interference with British merchant shipping . . . will no longer be tolerated."

These were passages in a sharp speech by Mr. W. E. Kirby, Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, at the annual meeting this morning of shareholders of the Douglas Company.

Mr. S. T. Williamson was in the chair and the following members of the consulting Committee were present, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. H. V. Wilkinson, H. J. Armstrong and C. L. Farmer (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. T. Ramsey, J. F. Wright Jr., W. E. Kirby, A. H. Potts, N. V. A. Croucher, Hon. Yau-lam, C. B. Brown, Captain O. H. Farrar O.B.E. and Captain W. B. Patey.

The Chairman said: After paying all Running Expenses, Docking Charges, Insurance Premium and all Allowances, writing off Depreciation and transferring \$275,000 to General Reserve, the sum available for distribution is \$426,932 which includes \$118,364.16 brought into the Account from last year.

BONUS DIVIDEND

Your Consulting Committee and General Managers propose to appropriate this sum as follows:—To Pay a Dividend of 10% (\$6 per share)—\$100,000 To Pay a Bonus of 10% (\$6 per share)—\$100,000; To Carry Forward to Next Account \$226,932.76.

While being pleased to be able to present such a favourable report for the year ending 31st December, 1938, this, as you will doubtless appreciate has been largely due to the abnormal conditions prevailing on the Coast, and unfortunately there is no assurance that these conditions will continue—in saying this I do not mean to be pessimistic nor do I intend to try and forecast the future which is much too obscure and all we can do is to hope for the best.

The Fleet value stands at a very conservative figure, and we now have a reasonable reserve Fund in hand to meet any unforeseen contingencies.

During the first half of the year under review the Coastal Business was exceptionally good, but the latter half of the year showed quite a reduction in the ordinary merchant business on the Coast, principally due to uncertain trading, and to the exchange position which fluctuated widely between 105 and 195—this of course is also reflected in our Coast Port earnings, there have also been serious restrictions between our various Ports regarding the carriage of Deck Passengers.

The "Seistan" purchase referred to by the Chairman at the last Meeting has proved to be well justified.

Due to the position at Amoy and Foochow we had to extend our activities further North and found it necessary to charter the s.s. "Sagres" in order to maintain our regular sailings.

SAGRES INCIDENT

I regret having to report a serious incident which has arisen this month in the unjustifiable seizure of the "Sagres" by the Japanese Navy as reported in this morning's press.

Although this incident did not take place during the year under review, it is mentioned at this Meeting owing to its grave nature and in order to keep Shareholders advised as to the actual position.

Our Investments have appreciated in value since December, 1937, and this appreciation is shown in the Accounts

agree with me when I submit that, in all professions we have two types of men; the one who simply does just what he's got to do; and the other who enlivens interest into his allotted task. So it is with the Merchant Service; we have the man who more or less gets around in the ship and the other that takes an interest in getting the ship around. If the managements of more British shipping companies operating to-day on China's coast and rivers would realise the implication of that point and act accordingly towards those to whom they entrust their ships, lives and cargo, then I am certain that a position which I have frequently experienced and whereby officers will accept service in some Companies only through sheer economic necessity, would no longer obtain. As men of the world I know, there is no need for me to indicate to the General Managers which of the types I have referred to is the man worth encouraging, but the nature and conservative outlook of the average British seaman is such that he places far more value on the proverbial ounce of practical encouragement as against a ream of eulogy. The getting of a ship around the China coast and adjacent ports to-day and under the circumstances as we know them, is certainly no sinecure and I would cordially thank the General Managers for this provision they have now made for the Floating Staff.

SAGRES INCIDENT

We are naturally very relieved to hear of the safe return of the master and crew of the Company's chartered s.s. "Sagres" after their trying experience.

This aspect, however, in no way absolves the Japanese Navy from the serious responsibility of illegally and forcibly seizing and detaining a British coastal steamer, the papers of which, I understand, were absolutely in order.

It would appear desirable that the Japanese Government be reminded that the waters of this Colony have been and are available to their merchant tonnage without let or hindrance and that every facility is, as it should be in that connection, extended to them.

This in direct contrast to the action of that Government in not only forcibly seizing and detaining the "Sagres" but also in subjecting her officers and ratings to an inquisitorial questioning.

In general, this further unwarranted action against British property simply amounts to armed piracy, although such reference may conflict with diplomatic niceties.

But in view of the fact that this latest outrage is only one of many recently on the China coast where British shipping is concerned, it would seem full time that His Majesty's Government informed the Imperial Japanese Government in no hesitating or appeasing terms that this continued interference with British merchant shipping pursuing its lawful occasions is not only a hostile gesture towards a nation with whom normal relations exist but it is also an unjustifiable policy which will not longer be tolerated.

LIMIT REACHED

Until some such definite line of action is taken by His Majesty's Government there is not the slightest doubt but that interference with British shipping on the China coast at the hands of the Japanese Navy will continue. While patience and restraint may be admirable qualities there is a limit and I submit in all seriousness that the limit has now been reached.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. H. V. Wilkinson were re-elected to the Consulting Committee and Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Lowe Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$1,000 each.

DEFENCES OF GIBRALTAR

London, To-day. Defences of Gibraltar, particularly in air protection, were described as satisfactory by the Secretary for War, Mr. Hore-Belisha, in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

He added that more anti-aircraft

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WELL!!!

The Chinese press this morning reports that "according to an unimpeachable source, three Japanese freighters, conveying gasoline and aeroplanes from Mexico to Japan, were sunk by a strange submarine in the Pacific."

Military Service Bill Coming

London, To-day. A MEASURE of conscription is now regarded as certain.

Reuter understands that the Cabinet agreed in principle on Monday night, and a two-hour Cabinet meeting yesterday was devoted to consideration of specific proposals to be put before Parliament.

Announcement will be made in the House of Commons at the earliest possible moment, and it is expected that a Bill will be introduced as speedily as possible to provide the necessary powers for the particularly form of compulsory service which is eventually to be decided upon.

The Cabinet will hold the ordinary weekly meeting to-day.

It is understood that the age group contemplated as the first step in the Government's conscription plans is from 18 to 20.

—Reuter.

NEW SCHEME TO BOOST COTTON SALES

Washington, To-day. Representative Fulmer has introduced in the House a Bill to increase cotton consumption by taxing pulp products not containing a fixed percentage of cotton fibre.

The tax would apply to newsprint and paperboard containing less than five per cent. cotton fibre, other paper containing less than 10 per cent. and rayon cellophane and plastic containing less than 15 per cent.

Surplus cotton would be made available to pulp processors at six cents a lb. with the Government absorbing the loss.—Reuter.

guns had been sent to Gibraltar since September and all necessary precautionary measures have been taken.—Trans-Ocean.

News Snack Bar



THE KING AND QUEEN AT ALDERSHOT.—The King, accompanied by the Queen, spent April 13 with his troops at Aldershot. Their Majesties walked miles over rough country during the review and watched a mimic battle in which the latest British war instruments were brought into use. Photo shows watched by the King, the Queen shaking hands with a Turkish Officer when being introduced to Foreign Military officers who watched the manoeuvres. (Air Mail).

MATRIMONIAL CORNER

From London police courts:—
Witness at Highgate did not actually see the man hit his wife, but gathered that he had because when he saw him next he was limping badly.

Man at Barking: She's jealous of the international situation. Says I think more about that than I do of her.

Woman at Hammersmith: I sometimes think he runs up these debts simply to avoid paying me maintenance.

Man at Wood Green: The trouble is her sister. She is down at our house seven days out of six.

GERMANS ARRESTED

A German teacher and four pupils from the German Nazi Fuehrer School were arrested in the towns of North Schleswig yesterday by the Danish police for sticking up illegal posters. North Schleswig was formerly German.

4,000,000 FOREIGNERS

Measures elaborated by the French Government solve the problem of dealing with nearly 4,000,000 foreigners living in France—including 400,000 Spanish refugees. All foreign political agitators would be interned in the event of a national emergency.

HIS CIGAR WAS A BOMB

Ex-Defence Minister Vidkum Quisling, who heads Norwegian Nazis, in Oslo, suspiciously examined a cigar he received in yesterday's mail, because he is a non-smoker. He found it packed with explosives.

MEMORIAL TO SIR CHARLES DAVIS

A memorial to the late Sir Charles Davis, the first Permanent Under-Secretary for the Dominions, was unveiled at the Dominions Office by Mr. L.S. Amery, M.P., in the presence of Lady Davis, Sir Thomas Inskip, Dominions Secretary presiding.

RAMSGATE A.R.P. TUNNEL

The main portion of Ramsgate's A.R.P. shelter scheme, which provides for three and a quarter miles of new tunnelling, encircling the town and joining up with a disused railway tunnel three-quarters of a mile long, has been approved by the Home Office.

WANT CURFEW FOR CHILDREN

Mr. H. S. Magnay, Director of Education for Barnsley, and Dr. J. L. Burn, the town's Medical Officer, want Barnsley parents to impose a Summer Time curfew hour for their children.

COUNTER-MOVE

France has made a counter-move against German economic dominance in Rumania by making a commercial pact under which 490,000 tons of oil fuel, 50,000 tons of petrol and 20,000 tons of paraffin will be exported, the amount involved being about £3,500,000.

SO SORROW AND RESPECT

The French Chamber of Deputies has passed a resolution without a formal vote, and so has passed a resolution without a formal vote, "saluting with sorrow and respect the Bohemian and Moravian people, victims of re-born imperialism, force and

BRITISH DRUGS TO KILL PNEUMONIA

Drugs from Britain are expected to defeat America's "No. 1 Killer" — pneumonia.

That claim has been made by Dr. Charles McKhann, professor of Harvard University medical school.

"People just won't die from pneumonia any more," he said boldly. He added that the British drug sulfapyridine (invented last spring) had just been licensed by America's Food and Drug Administration, and so was now available to every doctor.

"Medical science has taken nearly every danger out of influenza, measles or whooping cough," he adds. "These diseases are dangerous only because they open the way for pneumonia. Now this hazard is eliminated."

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CORTOT REFUSES ITALIAN CONCERT

The famous French pianist, Alfred Cortot, has refused an engagement to play in Florence (Italy) for "political reasons." So the Italians are seeking "another great soloist."

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HOLLAND MAY BUILD BATTLESHIPS

Holland is considering four 26,000-ton battleships. Each would cost about £7,000,000.

The Dutch Navy Department has for months been stressing the necessity for greater defence of the Dutch East Indies. From Japan?

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£1,500,000 SHIPBUILDING

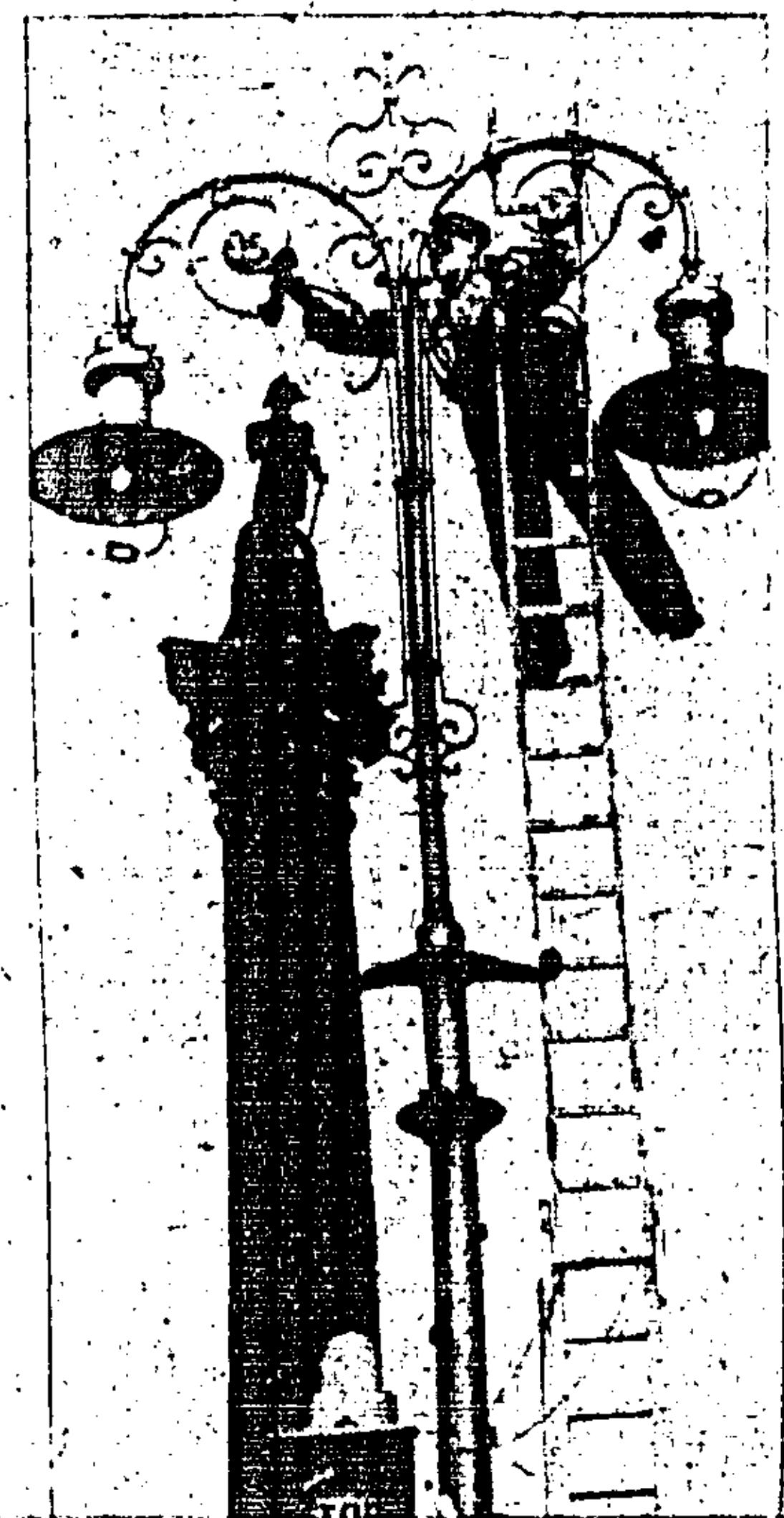
ORDERS

Orders for more than £1,500,000 worth of merchant shipping have been placed on the River Wear since the Government's shipping (subsidy) policy was announced.

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IT'S RASH—if you row

If there was complete harmony in every home there would be less nettle-rash (chronic urticaria). According to the "British Medical Journal" domestic quarrels and difficulties may cause it. "It may be a great surprise to the patient," the article adds, "to find that her domestic difficulties and her skin eruption are in any way related; and recognition may lead to prompt recovery, even if the domestic troubles cannot be remedied."



ON A PAR WITH NELSON.—A workman cleaning a lamp standard in Trafalgar Square finds himself almost on a par with Nelson on the top of his column.

ELECTRICITY OUTPUT REACHES RECORD

The electricity industry put up new high records in the year ended March 31, 1938, according to the annual report of the Electricity Commission.

Chief statistics are:

Customers	9,358,000
Net increase	800,000
Output (units)	23,012,000,000
Increase (units)	2,487,000,000
Revenue	£91,900,000
Revenue previous year	£84,314,000

And the money—the total expenditure by all authorised undertakings by March 31, 1938, was £608,675,000. The gross surplus for the past year was £45,950,000. Salaries and wages total £15,686,000 a year.

GETTING EXPERIENCE

Into the court-house of Memphis, Tennessee, walked a very young girl, and asked her way to the Divorce Court. "Did she want a divorce?" "She didn't yet. "I'm engaged," she explained, "and I just want to see what I'll have to go through when my time comes."

FINED £394 15s.

At Douglas (Isle of Man) Ernest Abels, Jewish cafe proprietor, was fined £304 15s., with £36 18s. 4d. costs, for smuggling cigarette lighters from Dublin. The fine was treble the cost of sixty-five and a half dozen lighters—made in Germany—which Abels had smuggled from Dublin, where no duty was charged on them.

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KEEPING FAITH W/

FOR the second time in five and a half years I am feeling a strange sense of isolation. The first time was in mid-October, 1933, when Herr Hitler suddenly announced the withdrawal of National Socialist Germany from the League of Nations. For months it had been clear to every careful and experienced observer that this decision was coming. When it came, the press and the public and even the Government in Great Britain were profoundly shocked and surprised.

The British Broadcasting Corporation gave an almost panic-stricken account of the event. I was asked to write upon it by a leading Sunday newspaper, and treated it as something logical, natural, and inevitable.

So shocked was that journal because I declined to be shocked that my relations with it ceased. And my name went to the top of the British Broadcasting Corporation's "black list" of prohibited broadcasters because I criticised in public the panic-stricken announcement that had been issued.

To-day, when Herr Hitler has entered the ancient castle of Prague (where I stayed last July with Benes as I had stayed before with his predecessor, Masaryk), I am in danger of committing the same offense: I feel neither shocked nor surprised. Still less am I panic-stricken. What has happened has been so logical and natural after the events of last autumn that the only question which strikes me as truly interesting is: "What next?"

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The day after the suppression of Czechoslovakia, The Times of London wrote in an editorial headed, "Czechoslovakia Destroyed": "It was not expected that Herr Hitler would immediately conduct his diplomacy once more by threat of force; for that, to put it on no other ground, was entirely unnecessary, even for the purpose which he had no doubt cherished all along of establishing his influence over the whole area of the republic of Czechoslovakia—which ceased to exist yesterday." Why was it "not expected"? Only because, I imagine, that the majority of British public men, editors, and editorial writers have not studied with proper care and earnestness the writings of Herr Hitler. Had they done so they could hardly have failed to understand that, in his eyes, the action which is not "brutal"—to use his favourite adjective—is not action at all. Again and again in pages of "Mein Kampf" he insists upon the fundamental that action must be taken "with the necessary brutality."

In looking to the future, this axiom should therefore be taken as a starting-point. Whatever Herr Hitler does will be done, or attempted, "with the necessary brutality." Where will it be done? This question is less easy to answer. The London News Chronicle has republished a map, or a series of



ANOTHER CHAPTER IN "MEIN KAMPF" FU

the German

maps, headed, "One People, One State, while Rumania One Leader," which was distributed in join them not in Czechoslovakia early last autumn by 1941: the Henlein organisation. Large bundles of this map were found where the Ukraine, together Czech police raided the Henlein offices in Prague on September 24, 1938. It and Denmark, w purported to show a timetable of suc Germany; and by cessive stages of German progress to gal, northwestern and all European

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I saw this map at the time. Apparently a copy of it reached the News Chronicle on September 28, just before the British Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, started on his flight to Munich for the purpose of concluding the Munich Agreement with Herr Hitler. Anxious not to disturb the atmosphere by publishing the map at that moment, the News Chronicle placed a copy of it in his hands before he left. As a journalist, I think the News Chronicle made an error of judgment. The business of a newspaper is to publish the facts that come to its knowledge, especially when those facts affect public interest and are already known to many. The map showed nothing really new. It had already been widely distributed in Germany. What did it show?

It showed Austria in the spring of 1938 as a country outside the Third Reich, but inside the Third Reich by the autumn of 1938. In the spring of 1939 it showed the whole of Czechoslovakia inside the Third Reich and, by the autumn of 1939, Hungary as well. By the spring of 1940 it showed the Pan-German maps of Poland inside the Third Reich. In the autumn of 1940 it showed that a graphic portrayal

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PROBLEMATICS By ERN SHAW - No. 9

Word Sums

1. **SEND RASH**
2. **CADA**
3. **SEND CRAE**
4. **What is the keyword?**
5. **There is one missing letter.**

Given two cuts
make one more cut
and reassemble
to form a **SQUARE**

HIDDEN WORDS

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CLUES:

TOP: Less valuable. BOTTOM: "Given." SIDE: "Suspended." RSIDE: "King." St. George: "Horosc." All. (Down) Dress Material. St. Andrew: "Needs Muzzling." To keep back.

Find the six

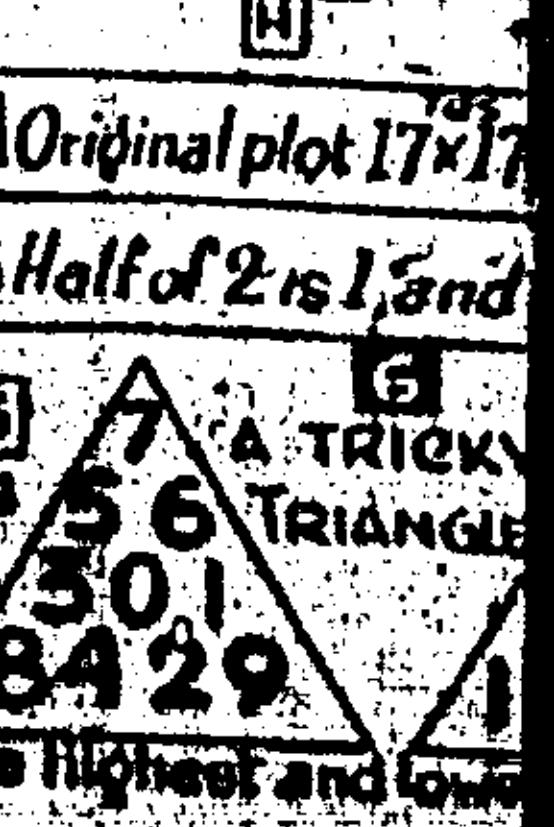
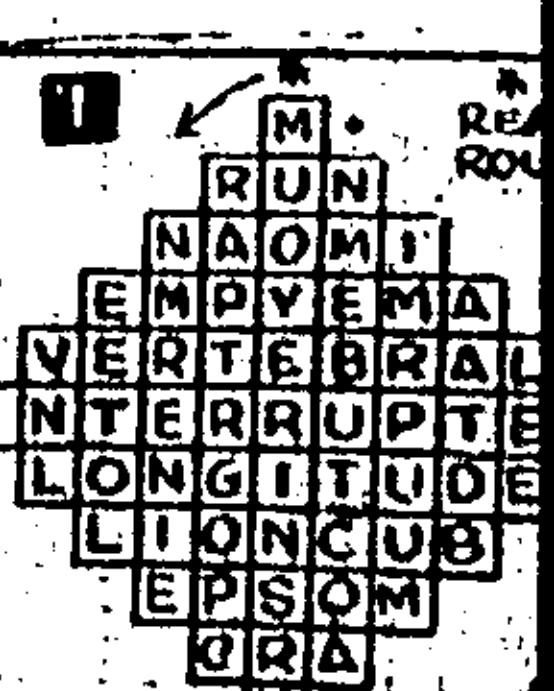
ORANGES AND LEMONS

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WHO HOLDS THE 6?



H "MEIN KAMPF"



Hitler inspecting a guard of honour after the occupation of Memel.

Bulgaria were to "Raum und Volk in Weltkrieg," which began the spring of 1941 the Russian and is a leading representative of the Holland, Belgium German school of "political geography" also to be within 8 England, Portugal, Spain, Scandinavia, standing member, Russia, with the

Once more these forecasts were not entirely new. A map entitled "Der Grossdeutsche Bund und Mitteleuropa um das Jahr 1950" ("The Great German League and Central Europe about the year 1950"), which was published in a Pan-German pamphlet and in a German atlas during 1899, covered an area less extensive than that claimed by the school of "political geography" though similar in character. These publications and maps were familiar to Herr Hitler in his youth, when he came under the influence of Austrian Pan-German leaders Schoenerer and Wolf, and when he absorbed likewise the ideas of "Aryan" supremacy which were propagated at the same time by Houston Stewart Chamberlain in "The Foundations of the Nineteenth Century."

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The point of present interest is that Herr Hitler now disposes of powerful armed forces in the service of these ideas and that he is not afraid to use those forces very astutely as a means of intimidation and pressure. Where will pressure next be applied? It may be put on Rumania or on Poland or on Hungary. Two months ago I, and I suppose many others, were warned that because they were Herr Hitler would make a "lightning stroke" in some direction on March 15, 1939. That night he slept in the Castle

of Prague. Another warning came a few weeks ago. It was to the effect that Rumania would be put on the operating table. Whether or not this warning will be justified, I know that it is in full accordance with recommendations made to the military and economic authorities in Berlin by the German economic representative in Moscow early in 1936. These recommendations were that a direct attack upon Russia would be folly unless Germany had already cleared away in central Europe obstacles to its control of Rumanian oil, timber, and food supplies. With Rumania and the Black Sea coast as base, Germany (so ran these recommendations) might strike successfully at Southern Russia and might even hope to paralyse Russia by cutting off oil supplies from Baku.

So we shall see what we shall see. Everything may not go according to plan. Two months back, Herr Hitler was undecided whether to strike at Czechoslovakia, or in conjunction with Italy to invade Switzerland as a means of striking at France, or to occupy Holland in order to compel Great Britain to negotiate for the cession of the Dutch colonial empire or of the Belgian Congo. The German general staff were given orders to prepare in detail for the sudden occupation of Holland.

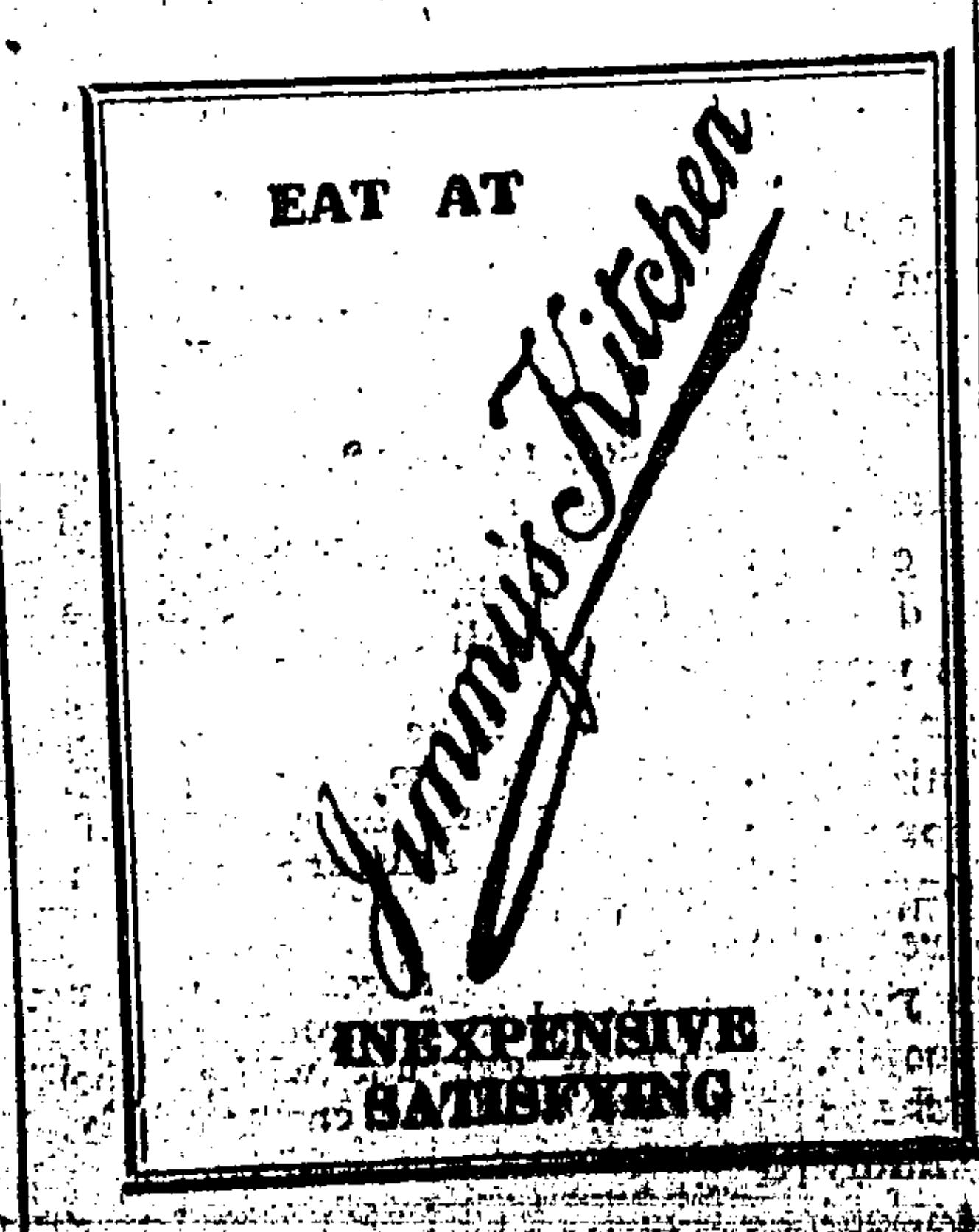
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If now, for reasons unknown to me, Herr Hitler has decided to go east for the present, when he thinks he has removed any chance of serious interference from the east he may turn west. If he turns west it will be because he thinks that the western democracies will negotiate rather than fight, and because he believes that effects of his propaganda will have disintegrated Swiss, Belgian, Dutch, French or British public opinion from within. The technique of moral disintegration from "within" is invariably employed before Herr Hitler strikes from without.

As far as the west of Europe is concerned, there would seem to be only one valid safeguard against aggression. It is to promote a complete and resolute cohesion between the western democracies and to support that cohesion both by a firm policy of resistance, publicly declared, and by a maximum degree of armed preparedness. As regards the east of Europe, the countries most immediately threatened are Poland, Rumania, and Soviet Russia with Turkey in background. Here again a policy of firm cohesion might give pause to Herr Hitler and his programme. The position would be improved if there could be co-ordination and co-operation between Herr Hitler's prospective victims in east and west. The "shock" which Herr Hitler's operation against Czechoslovakia has given in various quarters, where for one reason, or another his present action was "unexpected," may prove to have been salutary should it open these persons' minds to reality and to the deadly seriousness of National Socialist purpose, which is nothing less than to achieve dominance in the world.

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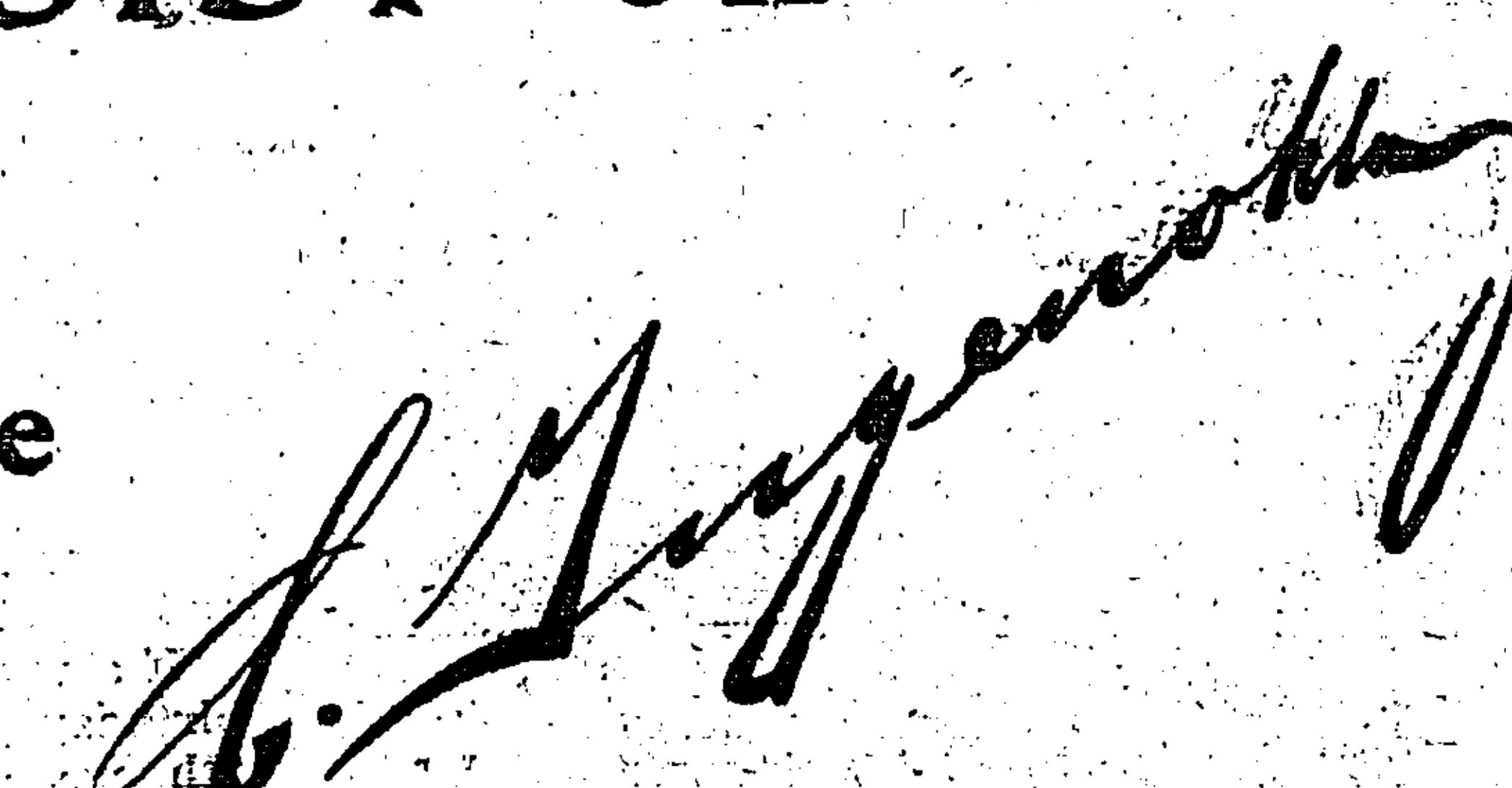
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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

Lotion Cleanses Skin In One Minute

There is good news to-day for busy ladies! To my desk has come a rather unusual lotion which cleanses your skin in one moment! And if you doubt that it truly cleanses so quickly, you have only to look at the tissue or cloth which removes it from your skin!

This efficacious cosmetic also has two companions in which many of my readers will be interested. One is a light oily mixture which reconditions a dry skin during the night hours, and the other is a dressing for the skin before make-up is applied. All three do their work with lightning-like efficiency, and are supposed to contain only the purest of beneficial ingredients.

Match Make-Up to Blushing Tones
The lubricating lotion is an excellent

aid in helping you to wear a becoming shade of rouge and lipstick—particularly if you desire to look innocent of make-up artifice. It so stimulates the skin that the blood rushes to the surface in what is much akin to a sweet, innocent girlish blush! While your colour is so heightened you should choose make-up tones.

And the skin dressing is not without unusual merit either. For those of you who complain of sensitive, dry, or super-sensitive skin, it is probably an answer to a prayer. It goes on in the thinnest of films and so complements your skin that no powder is necessary, unless you desire it.

Other Products in Line

Naturally there are other beauty aids in the same line but as I have not had time to test their efficacy, I can only say that both the skin and scalp treatment sound so logical that I doubt if you would be disappointed with any one of the products.

Keep to One Brand

When you adopt new cosmetics it is always best to tuck away those you have been using. Frequently products of different brands used on the skin at the same time, cause a slight irritation to the skin. You don't want that. Most women find that it is better to use a cleansing cream or lotion, a lubrication cream and a tonic or astringent all of the same line. Then they may select make-up — powder rouge, lipstick and eye cosmetics — from other brands. This assures them of a smoother skin condition which is what we seek, after all.

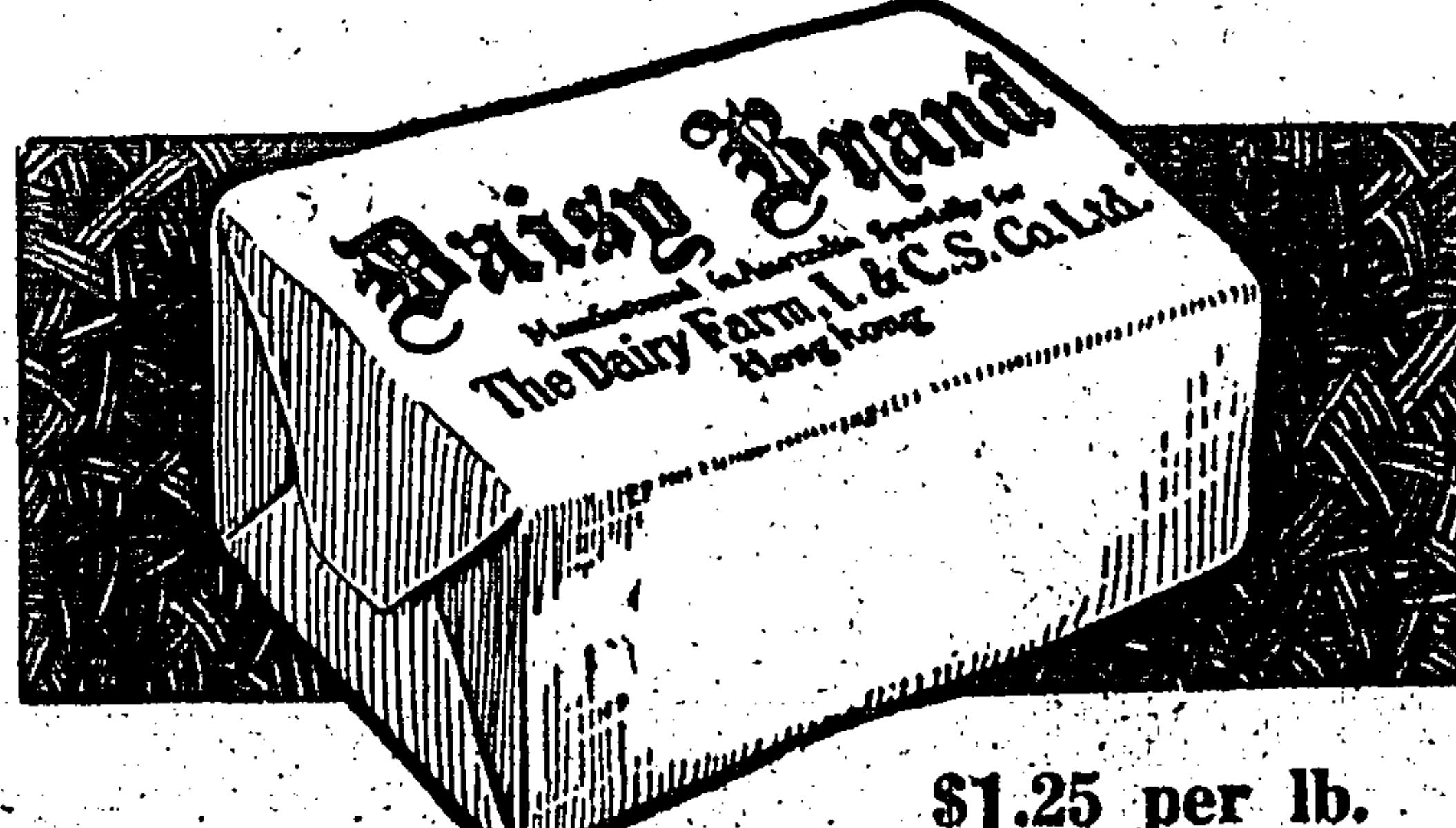
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"Women are like that," says ironic Irene, "seasons ahead of fashions and hours behind appointments."

What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

Rhythical movement, most likely will be noticeable in the actions of many people, this day. Your firmness may be needed in handling some person of a decidedly stubborn nature. The possession of indomitable courage will be one of this day's requirements to get successful results, so be prepared to show you have both staying powers and backbone. You may discover, that it does not pay to attempt to compromise business differences with some people if greed and stupidity are inspiring them to take a wrong course, or prompting them to use unfair tactics. Be careful that you do not underrate someone's shrewdness, for this appears to be a day that might require you to match your wits against someone else's. Be alert because you may hear some good news. Wise men and women should hold on to their money this day, for prevailing conditions are likely to make it easy for it to slip away from you. Married and engaged couples, and those whose lives are being influenced by Cupid, might do well to remember that "many a serious word is spoken in jest," so it will pay to weigh carefully what is said to you this day.

If a woman and April 26 is your birthday, you should remember that "the pen is the tongue of the mind", and your's must be used cautiously, if you wish to keep from getting into trouble. You may be too ready for your own good, to confide your personal affairs to too many people. You are sympathetic and perhaps overgenerous. You have many ideas, which, if used in a practical

manner, ought to be money-makers. Of an artistic temperament, whatever you do with your hands is apt to reflect your aesthetic taste. Your love for bargaining is likely to win you a reputation as a very shrewd buyer. Through teaching, lecturing, writing, painting, selling or managing a business catering to some public requirement, your popularity might be instrumental in your making plenty of money. Your chance of leading an ideal life appears to be in matrimony.

The child born on April 26, usually uses its hands exceptionally well. This youngster is likely to be mentally well advanced for its years. Children born on this date generally have sufficient self-confidence and assurance to carry them successfully through life.

HUNTER'S SAUCE

Stir half-tablespoonful flour into one tablespoonful melted butter, then add half-pint of good stock. Bring mixture to the boil, stirring all the time.

When done add half-wineglassful port, the same of Harvey sauce, a bare teaspoonful of thinly mixed mustard, and salt to taste.

Place the slices of game neatly in liquid in fireproof dish, and allow to get hot without boiling. Serve with red currant jelly.

I know You by your POWDER PUFF . . .

I SEE it quite a lot, you know. I sit opposite you in ferries and watch you bring out your compact and your puff to fluff powder over your face. I walk behind you in cinemas when you are coming out and watch you doing the same there.

I look at you across restaurants and in cloakrooms . . . and I know just what kind of a girl you are.

Sometimes the puff is new and spotless; that means in this respect anyhow you're that right kind of vanity girl. Sometimes it is a bit doubtful; that means you're a bit careless. And usually, it is so grubby it isn't fit to use. That means you must really pull yourself together.

I know you're all busy people and that it isn't always easy to do everything you plan to do—like giving your puff a weekly wash.



But how's this for a way out of the difficulty.

Instead of using a puff, use a wad of cotton-wool and throw it away after using it. It works in your handbag too, because you can wrap it in a pretty chiffon handkerchief, and there you are.

Apart from cleanliness, the importance of using something clean for your powdering is that a dirty puff eventually brings spots. And the same thing goes for a rouge puff.

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I know you by your handbag. And I mean its inside.

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A man once said to me, "What I do dislike so much about a lot of girls is the awful state their handbags are in. Apart from often being too full, they always look so mucky!"

I hate admitting a man is right when he is being even mildly critical of women, but it's perfectly true.

A weekly clean-out of your bag is essential. It doesn't take very long with a brush and a spot of benzine.

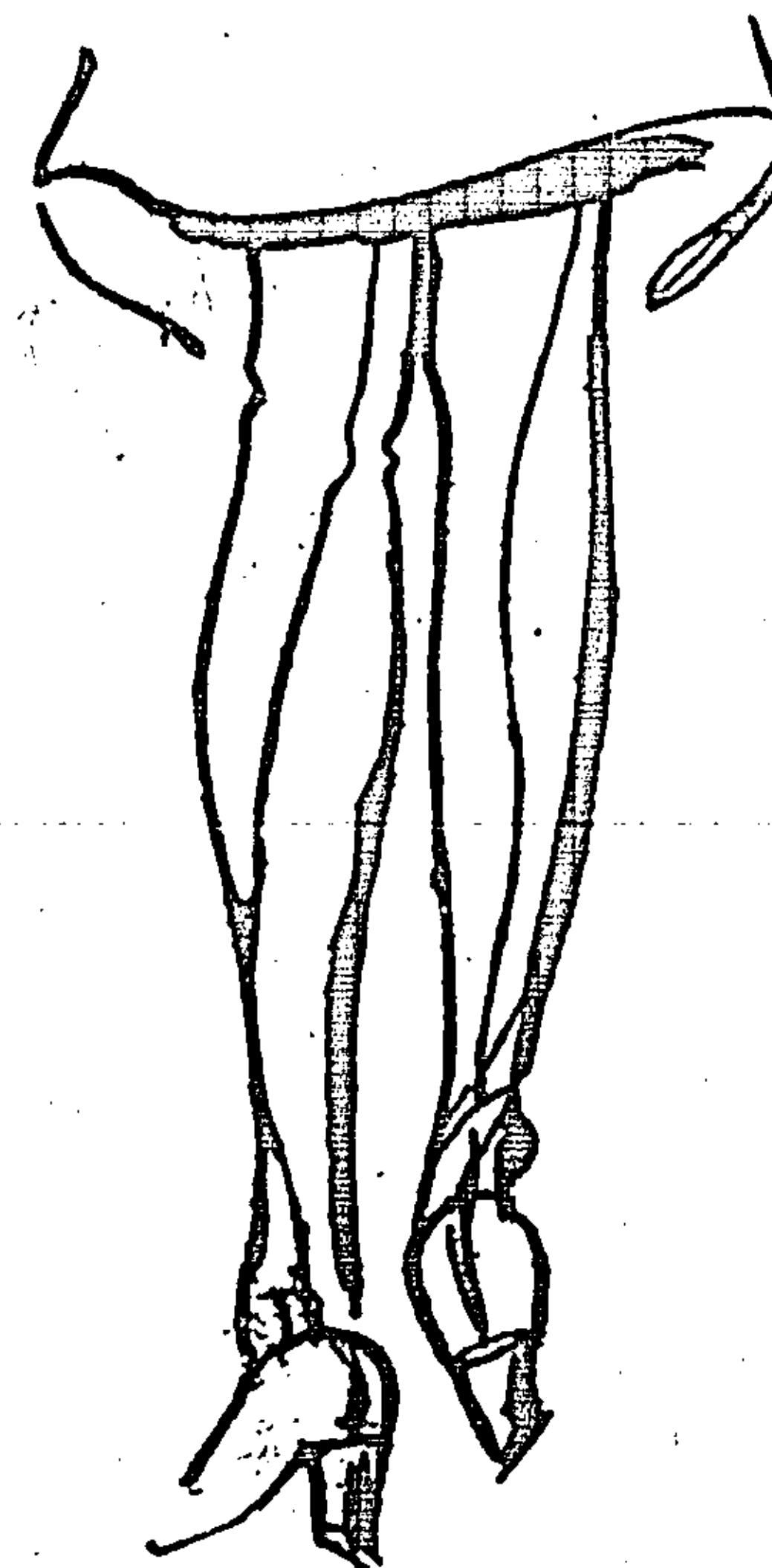
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I know you by your comb.

If many of its teeth are missing; if it is dirty and full of loose hairs, I think. "Here is a careless girl who doesn't think enough of her hair to wash her brushes and combs every time she has a fresh set."

And broken combs don't work properly.

Have you looked at yours with an impartial eye lately?



I know you by your shoes and stockings.

Too many of you seem to have a "blind spot" here. You're perfection everywhere else, but your stockings.

The seams curve madly all over the place; there are wrinkles round, the ankles and some of the darns!

My grandmother—who taught me how to darn—would have called them "cobbled."

And many of the shoes heels I see seem to spend most of their time turning over one way or the other.

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I know you by your gloves. Even when you are wearing them, I can often tell the colour of your nail varnish holes.

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I know you by the collars and cuffs on your frocks.

You like white. I'm glad, because it is becoming and youthful — when it is white. But sometimes your trimmings start off their lives all crisp and fresh, and go on living for a very long time without ever having a revitalising treatment.

And then you have to throw them out much sooner than you need have done because they are "finished."

Have two sets—one on and one off. And keep the off one always freshly laundered and ready for the transformation scene.

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Your shoulder straps—

Sometimes I've seen you trying on a dress you're thinking of buying. And I've seen pins where pins shouldn't be, and mucky bits of ribbons where there should be spotless straps.

I know that lingerie straps—especially in the summer—do get dirty more quickly than the rest of the garment, and it does seem silly to wash the whole thing when it doesn't really need it.

What have press studs and a spare pair of ribbon straps done that you can't use them?

* * *

I know you by the lining and the hanging loop of your coat.

I've often seen you looking rather uncomfortable when you take off your coat in a restaurant, and your friend hurries to help you turn it over the back of the chair.

That shows that you know that broken loops and sleeve linings that are half out do not show a fastidious woman.

Why not do something about it? "I haven't the time," is often only an excuse for not wanting to make the effort, but . . . don't you think that it's all well worth while?

WITTY KITTU



5-20

An optimist is he who thinks he can stand on a street corner and jangle coins in his pocket without having several hats thrust at him.

TO CURE HAM

THIS is a good recipe for cured hams.

1lb. bay salt, 2oz. saltpetre and 1oz. black pepper. Get these mixed at a chemist's and use this quantity for each 20lb. meat.

The ham must be rubbed with common salt when put into a ham trough. Next day, rub in this mixture, let it stand for four days, turning and rubbing every day.

Then pour on two or three pounds of treacle according to size of ham. It must stand a month in this, basting it every day. Then take it out and hang for two or three weeks in a cool kitchen. It may now be put into malt dust, but this is not absolutely necessary.

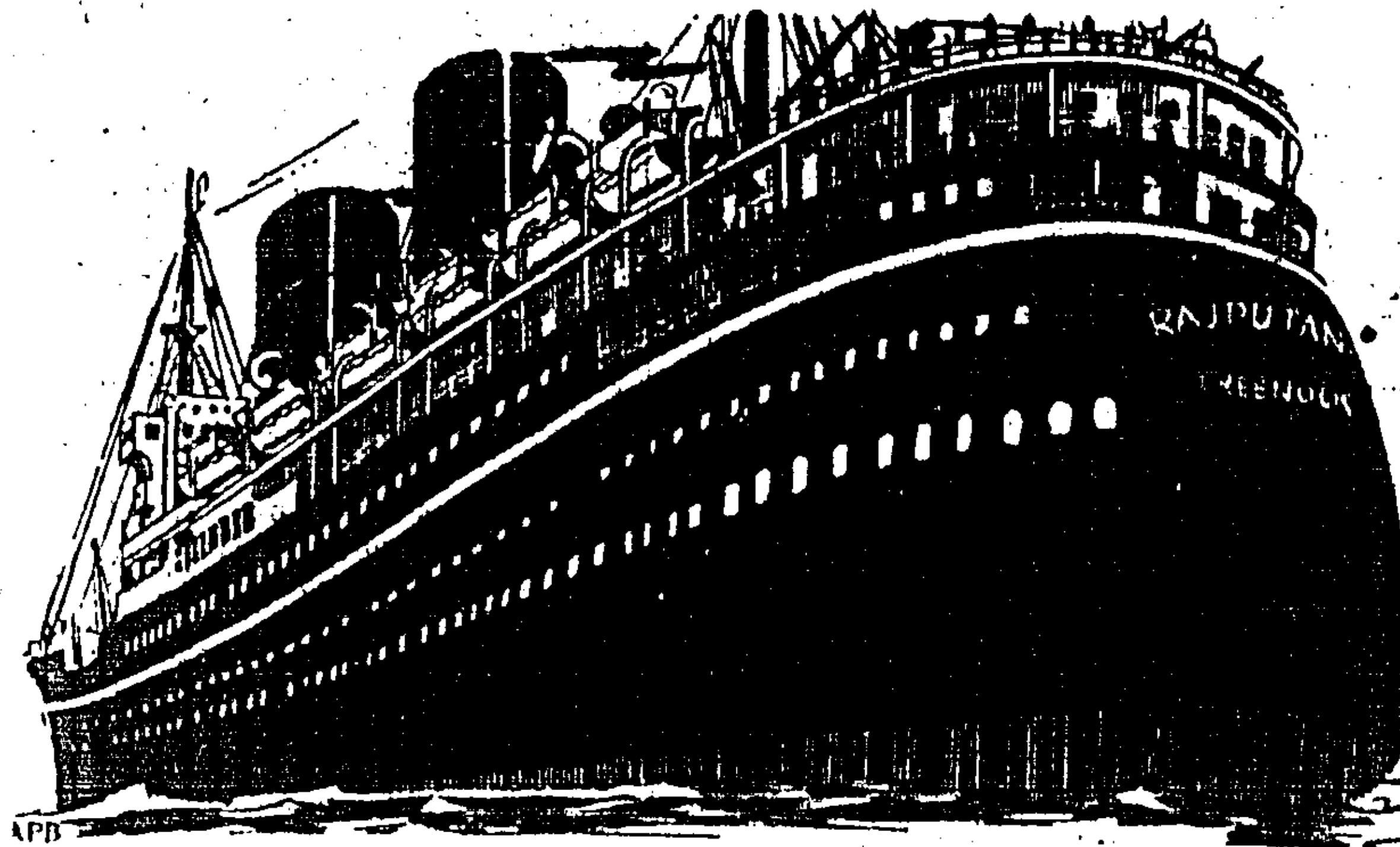
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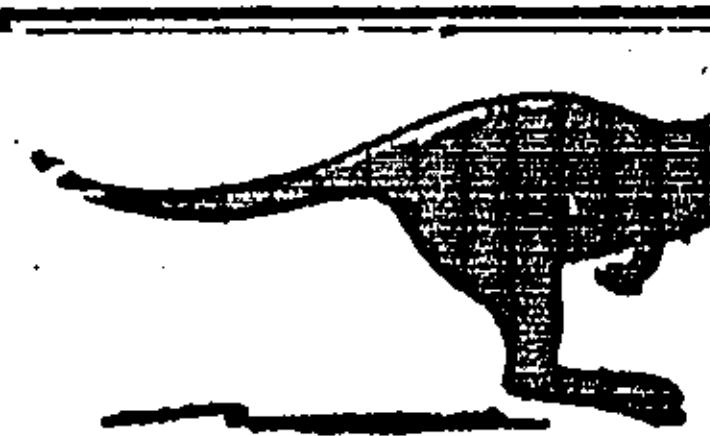
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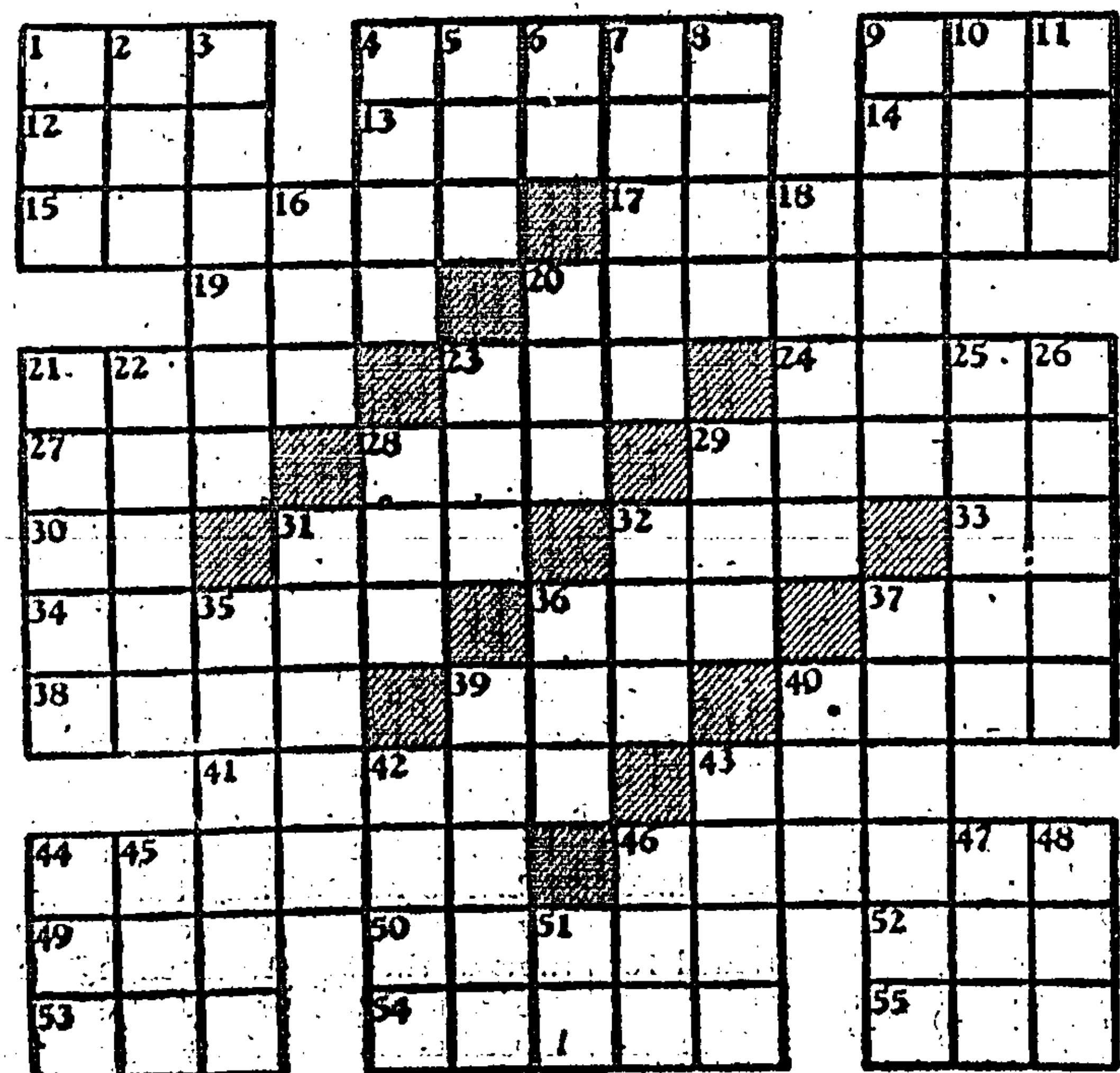
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- 12 South American Indian
- 13 Steamship
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- 49 Man's nickname
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- 54 Depressions

55 Organ of head

- 1 Man's nickname
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- 11 Viscous liquid
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- 20 Number
- 21 Evening frocks
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- 23 Distressing
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- 26 Mountain nymph
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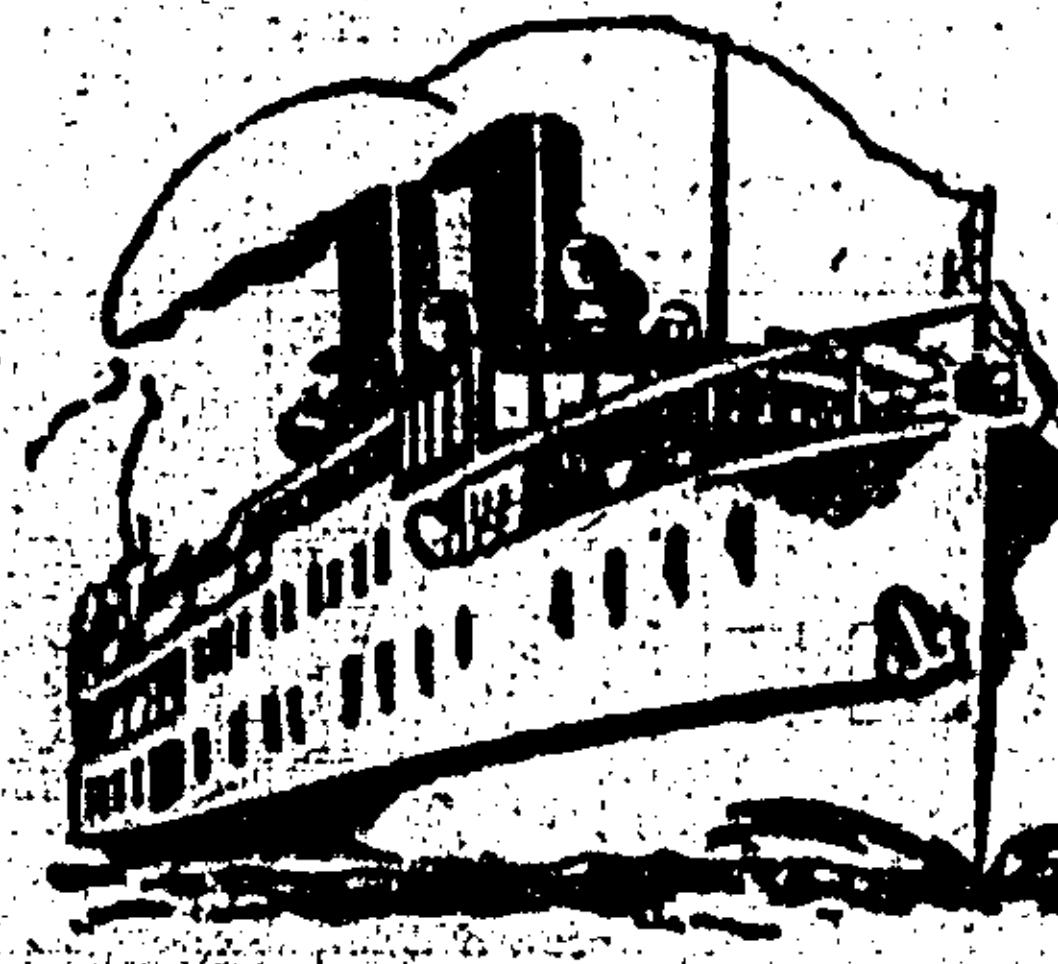
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YAUMATI FERRY HAS A RECORD YEAR

Repayment of bank overdraft, increased dividend and successful tender for exclusive ferry services to new routes, were reported by the Chairman at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company held this morning.

Mr. Lau Tak-po was in the chair, supported by Kwan Sum-yin, Li Sing-kue, Cheng Kwok-on, Young Tsun-dart, Choy Wai-hung and Wong Chio-hoo.

The Chairman said: The traffic on all our services has shown a general increase and has broken all previous records.

In view of this your Directors have recommended the payment of a larger dividend which will be greatly appreciated by those of our shareholders who have sustained heavy losses through the war in China.

Your Directors have taken advantage of their favourable working year to increase the insurance fund to almost 1½ million dollars, the building reserve to \$100,000, and the depreciation on the fleet to over \$153,000.

The allotment of a new pier on the Hong Kong side for the Hung Hom service has enabled us to increase the Kowloon City services. Separate waiting areas are now provided for the first and second class passengers who are now able to cross the harbour in about 30 minutes.

The construction of a new pier by the Government off Pottinger Street will further improve our services and provide more room for a large and up to date bus terminus.

COTTON SUBSIDY PLAN

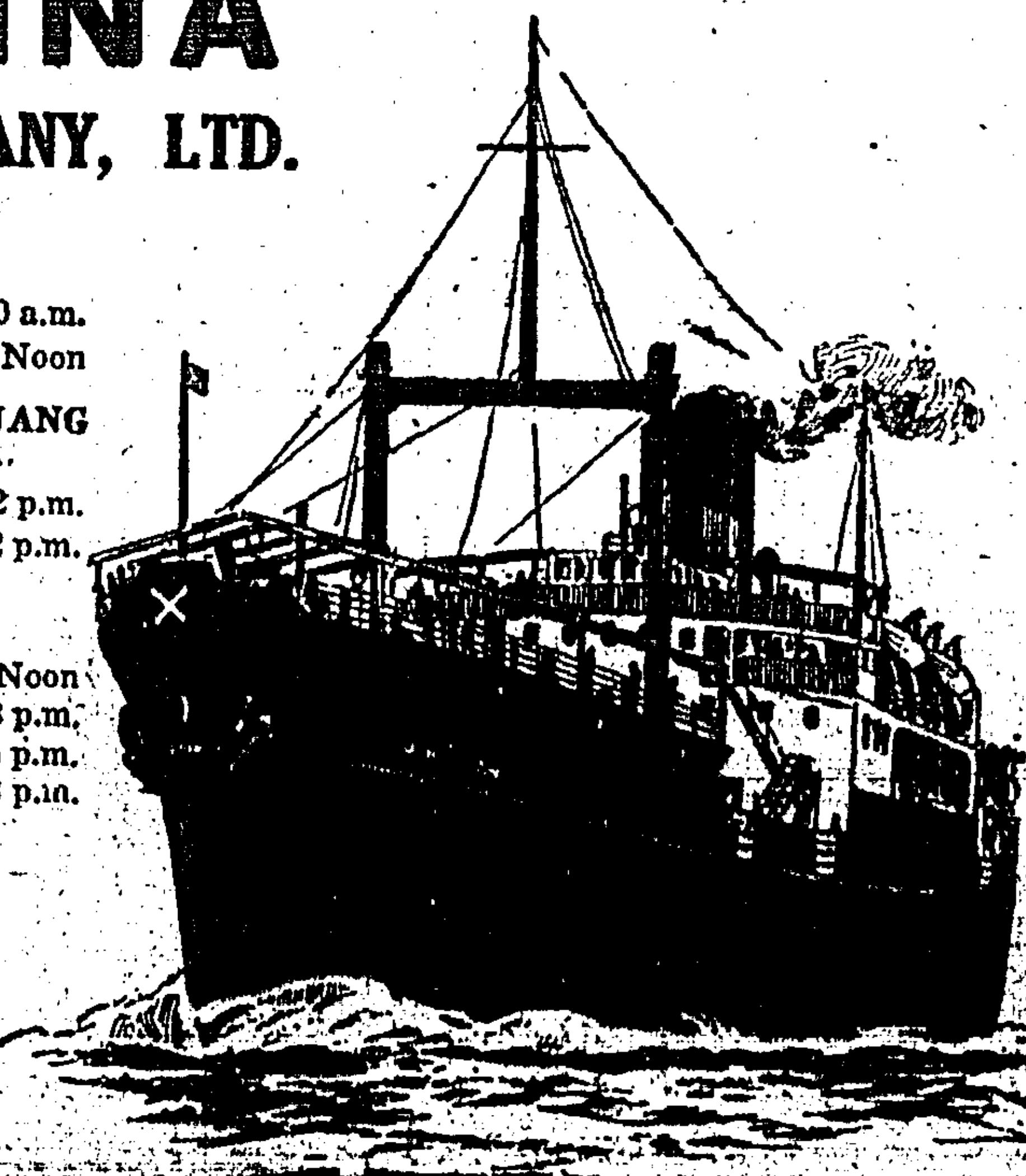
Washington, To-day. Senator Bankhead said yesterday that the cotton subsidy plan would probably be taken up on Friday by the Senate appropriations sub-committee.

He was of opinion that two or three days would be necessary to work out details.—Reuter.

GARAGE OFFICES

The conversion of the garages attached to the P.W.D. into offices is to cost \$23,500.

Extra room is to be provided for the Water Works Construction Office and for the A.R.P. Department.



TWO WOMEN INJURED BY ARMED GANG

AT 1 A.M. THIS MORNING, ROBBERS ENTERED NO. 321 LING MA HANG VILLAGE, THROUGH A SKYLIGHT.

A female occupant of the house, Tsang Sam-mui, 36, was struck on the head with a heavy instrument and injured by one of the robbers.

The house was ransacked, and the men escaped with \$150 in Chinese currency and H.K.\$30.

Another woman, Pun Sze-mui, residing in No. 322, leaving her house, met an unknown man, armed with revolver, who shot her in the left leg just above the ankle, when she tried to raise an alarm.

The women were treated at the Kowloon Hospital.

FOR NEW KOWLOON HOSPITAL

Site formation for the proposed new Kowloon Hospital and Infectious Diseases Hospital, which are to be built on adjoining sites as part of the five-year programme of public works, is to be started this year.

Total cost will be \$200,000 for site formation. Of this \$100,000 will be spent this year.

NEW ROADS FOR KOWLOON

A substantial vote of \$140,000 for laying out new roads to serve new building sites is to be sought in Legislative Council Finance Committee to-morrow.

Provision in the Estimates \$140,000 is to be doubled.

Official attitude is that postponement would lead to a serious accumulation of outstanding work.

MORE WOMEN INSPECTORS

It is revealed that in connection with the new obligation on the S.C.A. to inspect adopted daughters, it has been found necessary to authorise the S.C.A. to engage up to five additional Female Inspectors of Children, at a salary of \$100 monthly each, with annual increments up to \$1,800 annually.

Salaries to the end of the year will cost approximately \$4,600.

Government is planning to erect six garages on Barker Road at a cost of \$4,000 to be rented at \$10 a month each. The garages will be available to the general public but Government servants in the vicinity will be given priority.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NATURALIZATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that ALOYISA MARIE LAYE, (also known as ALOYISA LEWIS or LOUISA LAYE), of 7, Hillwood Road, Ground Floor, Kowloon, Hong Kong is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

ARMY BOXING SEMI-FINALS

The semi-finals of the Hong Kong Area boxing championships were held in Nanking Barracks, Shamshipo, last evening. Most of the events were confined to boys, who displayed keenness and enthusiasm.

The best bout of the evening was between Pte. Burke and Pte. McGready, which was won by the latter on points. Both men were evenly matched and the result was in doubt until the final round, when McGready scored repeatedly against his exhausted opponent.

Boy Stevens and Boy Martin were seen in a good scrap. The fight was so fiercely contested that midway Stevens had to discard his shoes!

Sapper Spencer was floored twice before he gave in to Gunner Spencer, while Boy Hikene was fully extended by Boy Burns in a keen and clean encounter.

The finals will be held at Nanking Barracks on Thursday, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

The following were the results of yesterday's bouts:

Bantamweight (Boys).—Tpr. Griffiths (8/H.) beat Boy Laws (R/Scots) on points.

Featherweight (Boys).—Boy Hikene (Mids) beat Boy Burns (R/Scots) on points; Boy Stevens (R/Scots) beat Boy Martin (R/Scots) on points.

Featherweight (Open).—L/Cpl. Noble (Mids) received walk-over from L/Cpl. McCuaig (R/Scots), who was medically unfit.

Lightweight (Boys).—Boy Rowe (Mids) beat Boy Wilson (Mids) on points; Tpr. Williamson (8/H.) beat Boy Ward (Mids) on points.

Middleweight (Open).—Gnr. Franklyn (R.A.) knocked out Spr. Spencer (R.E.).

Welterweight (Boys).—Tpr. Brennan (8/H.) knocked out Boy Myles (R/Scots).

Welterweight (Open).—Pte. McGready (R/Scots) beat Pte. Burke (Mids) on points.

The P. and O. s.s. "Canton" left Shanghai yesterday and is due here to-morrow at about 3 p.m.



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70-1628, by The Associated Newspapers

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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A.R.P. ITEMS

It is announced that the new address of the Women's Air Raid Precautions Union is: Exchange Building (2nd Floor), Telephone number 20990. Office hours are from 9.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

A fresh modified full course of lectures for Air Raid Precautions will commence at the American Club on Wednesday, April 26, and continuing every Wednesday. These lectures will be held by Mrs. Steele-Perkins.

A new modified full course of Air Raid Precaution lectures will commence at the United Services Recreation Club, Kowloon, on Tuesday, May 2, and continuing every Thursday and Tuesday. (Not Fridays as stated previously). These lectures will be held by Mrs. F. E. Dunlop.

An examination for the V. A. Air Raid Precautions course will be held on Friday, April 28 at 8 o'clock at Volunteer Headquarters. Anyone who would like to obtain an A.R.P. certificate should attend.

On Friday, April 28 at 10 a.m. Mrs. Steele-Perkins will take ladies through the Gas Chamber at Volunteer Headquarters. All interested should attend.

Lectures arranged for Fridays at the United Services Recreation Club, Kowloon, have been cancelled.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-21/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20-1/16 and forward at 19-7/8.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.6812 and the New York—London rate at £—U.S.\$4.68-1/4.

NEW BRITISH CRUISER

London, Apr. 18. The cruiser H.M.S. "Bonadventure" was launched at Greenock this morning. The vessel displaces 5,450 tons. —Hayes.

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LEE WAI-TONG'S MISFORTUNE: MAY HAVE TO CONCEDE WALK-OVER

(By "ADREM")

As matters now stand, it appears most likely that Lee Wai-tong, China's soccer idol and one of the best drawing cards in the Open Tennis Tournaments, will have to concede a walkover to Tsui Yan-pui in the singles semi-final.

Lee is due to sail in the President Cleveland to-morrow evening.

Originally his match against Tsui had been fixed for this afternoon but the downfall of rain this morning definitely washed that out.

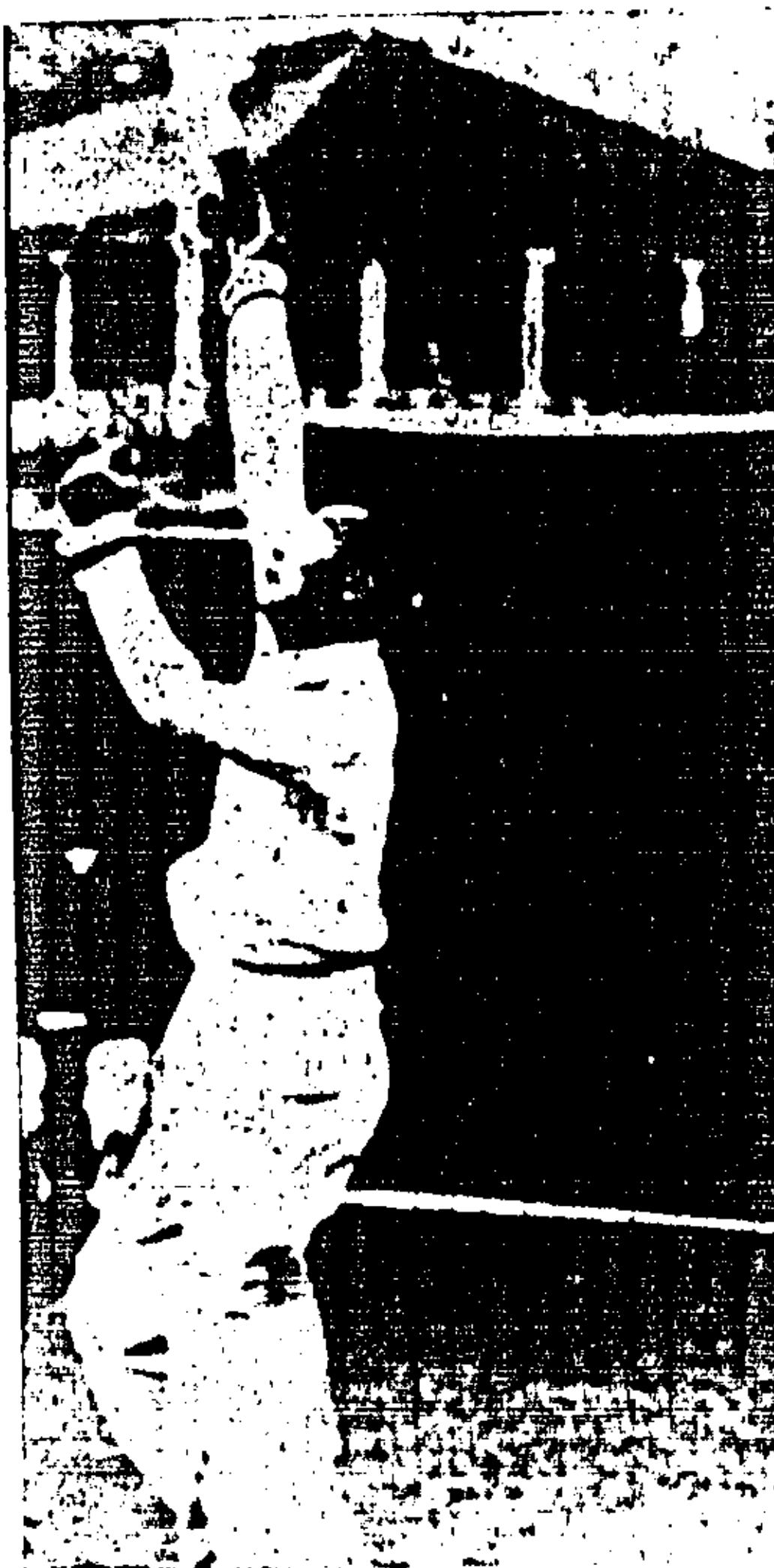
Mr. Monaghan told me this morning, however, that if the weather permits, an effort will be made to play the match off to-morrow.

If no tennis is possible to-morrow, Lee says he will be compelled to concede a walk-over as he cannot delay his departure for Manila under any circumstances.

Shanghai Racing Man In Colony

Kowloon Cricket Club have acquired a tennis player who should be of distinct use to them in the forthcoming League programme.

He is "Gussy" White, well-known locally as the donor of the White



S. A. Rumjahn, going for a high one yesterday.

Shield for Ladies Interport hockey. White, who will be here for a year, is a good all-round tennis player with a sound backhand and powerful overhead. He is a possible candidate for a place in the "A" Team.

He is a keen racing man and owns a stable of five or more ponies. He has, at various times, won the Shanghai Champions and Derby and own one of this year's favourites for the latter event.

HOME FOOTBALL

London, To-day. In the Southern section of the Third Division Southend beat Notts County by one goal to nil.—Reuter.

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Tsui Wai-Pui First Finalist In Current Tournament

(By "ADREM")

TSUI Wai-pui yesterday became the first finalist in the Colony Tennis Championships for this year when he beat S. A. Rumjahn over four grueling sets on the Stand Court by scores of 9-7, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.

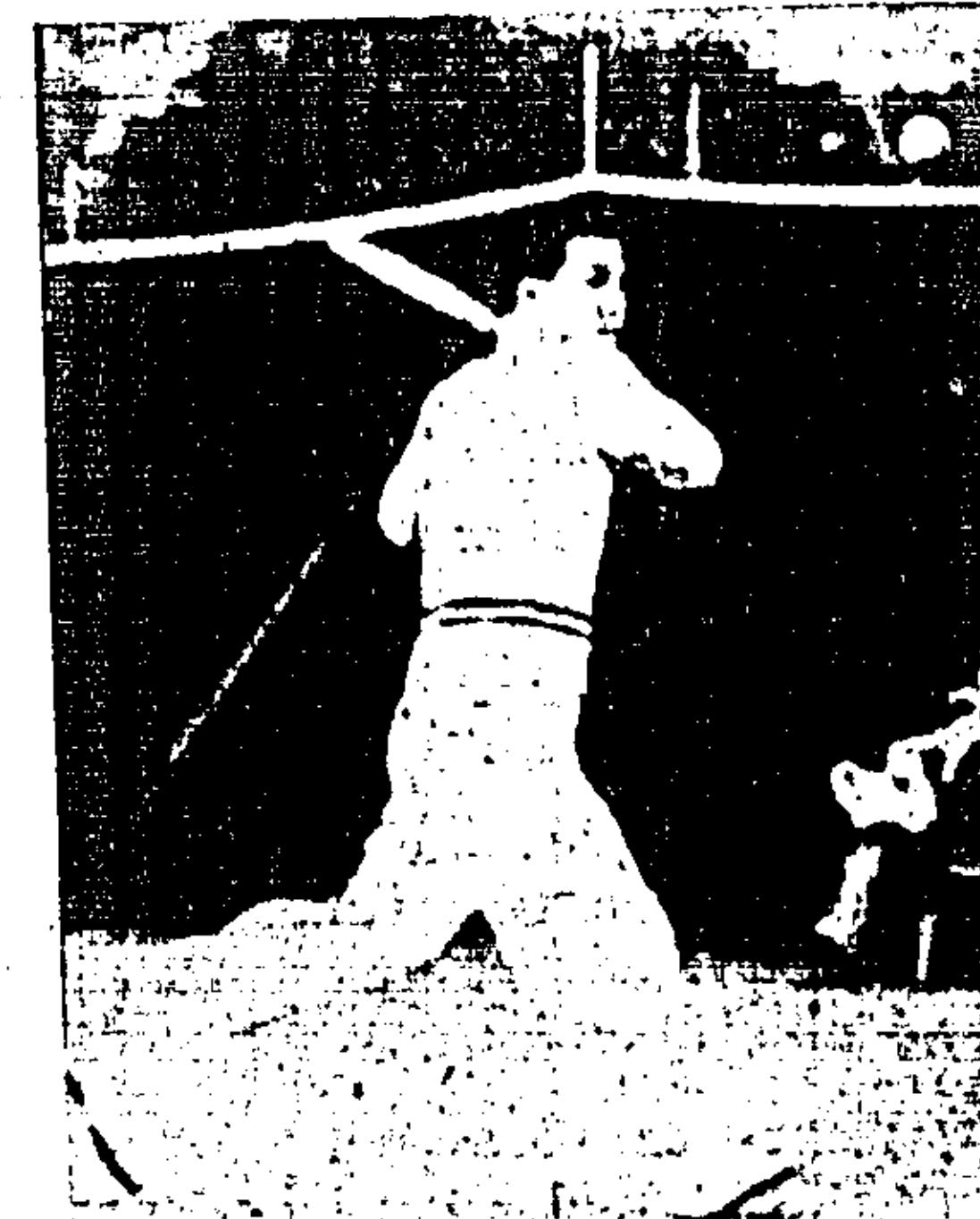
Although some flashes of real brilliance were seen, the match, as an exhibition of tennis was a trifle disappointing.

Without trying to detract in any way from the excellence of Rumjahn's display, I really feel that Tsui could have won far more quickly and without the loss of a set had he been so inclined.

Rumjahn, long before that prolonged first set had been completed, showed definite signs of bellows to mend and it appeared to everyone present, that his only chance of carrying the issue beyond three sets was to win that first set.

And yet, with Tsui obviously in complete command of the situation, he allowed Rumjahn to win the second set quite easily. He made no effort to go for anything not right on his racket.

It is possible that the loss of the set, was to Tsui a matter of tactics. Having regard to Rumjahn's fighting finishes in the past, he probably, once he felt sure of his ability to dictate terms, felt it advisable to make sure that his



Tsui Wai-pui, in action yesterday, about to execute a backhand drive.

opponent would have no physical resources in reserve if the issue was carried to the final set.

In any event, Rumjahn's exhibition in the last two sets was pathetic. On occasions he forgot his physical limitations and went chasing in for impossible shots as he was celebrated for doing as recently as two years ago. The net result was added weariness. He never won the point.

First Set Good

Only occasion when the tennis did reach great heights was in the first set. Although neither player was prepared to risk very much, they went for openings when they could be made.

Rumjahn settled down rather more quickly than Tsui and his forehand drive was finding the side-lines with consistency. Like Ho Ka-lau, the previous day, he banked all on a quick result. He took a lead right away and gradually increased it until he was 5-2 up.

Tsui then won the next three games in a row to equalise. Rumjahn had his big opportunity of clinching the set when, 6-5 up, he had a set point. A

OTHER RESULTS

Club Championship
H. J. Armstrong beat T. J. Gould, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.Club Handicap Doubles
E. E. Storey and J. J. Ferguson (-5.6) beat E. Laidlaw and A. C. Beck (scr.), 6-0, 6-4.

T. C. Monaghan and V. R. Gordon (-3.6) beat J. W. Mayhew and L. Brown (-1.6), 3-6, 8-6, 6-4.

Club Mixed Doubles
Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldman (-15) beat T. A. Pearce and Miss D. Dodwell (-15), 1-6, 6-1, 7-5.

winner, however, just failed to find its mark, and Tsui, reprieved, made no further mistake and taking the lead for the first time at 7-6, eventually went out at 9-7.

The second set was the surprising one. Tsui made no effort to win it and although Rumjahn did play some nice shots it was generally felt that he would never have met with success had Tsui not allowed him to.

The third set was terrible! Rumjahn appeared so anxious to lose points that I was quite certain he was banking on the 10 minute interval to bathe, change and generally prepare himself for a big struggle afterwards.

Tsui, however, gave the impression that he suspected Rumjahn of these tactics. He appeared as little anxious to win points as his opponent. One can well imagine the brand of tennis served up!

Disdained Rest

To everyone's surprise, Rumjahn disdained more than a couple of minutes rest after the set had been won by Tsui at 6-1 and went straight on.

Early in the fourth set he gave promise of making a fight of it. Hitting hard from the start and again making sorties to the net, he went to a 3-1 lead and might very well have increased it to 4-1.

But at this stage Tsui woke up! He produced passing shots at will and rarely failed to score points when he took the net.

Once Rumjahn was overhauled he gave up the unequal struggle and Tsui won five games in a row, finishing off the match with a spectacular smash from the baseline to bring the unequal spectacle to a timely close.

Tsui always gave the impression that he had heaps in reserve. His ground strokes were, as ever, firm and accurate; his volleying sure, and woe betide anything tossed up that was not 100 per cent. accurate—he smashed it right off the court.

Services Mediocre

Rumjahn's smashing was also good while he had the strength to come down on the ball and his forehand drive reliable. His most spectacular shot was a beautiful cross-court passing shot which went across court to nick the sideline.

Both players' services were very mediocre and served to do little more than put the ball in play.

Tsui will now meet either his brother or Lee Wai-tong in the final.

RACING

Mr. Black's Great Riding In St. George's Plate

Gallant Effort After Being Left At Gate

MR. B.A. PROULX GOES OUT FOR NOVICES' RACE!

(By "RAPIER")

THE Third Extra Race Meeting held at the Valley last Saturday was marred by unfavourable weather, conditions being far from pleasant. Racing generally was most keen, however, and some exciting finishes were seen.

Upsets featured the meeting, as was only to be expected on the heavy track.

Out of three starts, Mr. C. F. H. Churchill scored two deserving wins, but for sheer determined riding, honours must go to Mr. Donald Black, whose win on Eve of Harvest in the St. George's Plate was a creditable achievement.

Mr. B. L. Tao caused a pleasant surprise by winning on Triumphant Day, which thus repeated its success in the Rooly-Hill Derby.

Mr. Li Lan Sang headed the list of successful owners with two wins, the victory of Moonlight View catching punters napping.

Intermittent drizzle fell before the commencement of the first race, the St. Kilda Handicap for "C" Class Australian ponies over six furlongs, and this time it was left to Perfect Day, ably ridden by Mr. S. W. Tang, to spring a surprise.

On the previous occasion, when practically the same ponies competed, Discovery Bay brought off a sensational win, but on Saturday, it was not at its best on a sodden track and failed badly.

The race started with Bredon (Mr. Proulx) taking the lead, followed by at least four other ponies in a group, one of which was A Great Time (Mr. Needa). The latter ran quite well up to the two mile post, but then faded out.

In the meantime, Perfect Day went through with a great burst of speed, and once it had taken the lead the race was over as far as it was concerned.

There was a tense struggle for second position between Twilight Star (Mr. S. W. Pan) and Murray River (Mr. Wei), with the verdict going to the former by a short head.

Annabella had a bad start, but over a little longer distance, and on a hard track, it should win a race in the near future.

Surprising Win

The first section of the Canton Handicap, from the Two Mile Post distance for "B" Class China ponies, resulted in a surprising win for Moonlight View. In the absence of Rob Roy, betting honours were shared by Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih) and New Star (Mr. Pan).

Despite the state of the track, the race was contested at a fast pace, with Oak Bay (Mr. Proulx) attempting to run off into a big lead. New Star was running strongly, followed by Humdrum Eve and Moonlight View. Coming into the straight, Moonlight View responded most gamely, and after it had passed New Star, its stablemate, Humdrum Eve, was the only possible challenger. These two fought out the finish, with Moonlight View securing the verdict by a neck, with New Star a length behind.

The third race, the St. George's Plate, over 1½ miles, caused much excitement, and the finish of this event will long be remembered if only for the magnificent handling of Eve

of Harvest, the winner, by Mr. Donald Black.

On the rise of the barrier, Eve of Harvest was left standing, and by the time it got moving, the others were well away.

With so much distance to make up, many jockeys would have given up the fight, but, undaunted, Mr. Black kept at it to find in Eve of Harvest a truly great-hearted pony.

In the meantime, Blue Express, ridden by Mr. Encarnacao, was out in front, and coming into the straight of Harvest was still well in the lead. Eve of Harvest fought back gamely, however, and step by step it drew up with Blue Express, flashing across the winning post a head in front.

A truly great finish, and one of the best ridden races I have seen for a long time. For his fine riding, Mr. Black received unstinted applause when the pony was led in.

In taking third place, Jennifer (Mr. Proulx) created a minor surprise, as it was not expected that the pony could last out the long distance.

Grand Performance

The First Section of the Fatshan Handicap, over six furlongs, was another keenly contested event, but once Hectic View (Mr. Pih) took the lead, it remained in front until the end.

Hectic View and Rose Emily shared the honours in betting, and despite having to carry maximum weight of 168 lbs. the first named pony gave a grand performance. It went straight in front, and although hotly challenged by Rose Emily and King Kong, it was far too good and finished with 1½ lengths to spare.

Spirited fight ensued between Rose Emily and King Kong for second position, the result being a dead-heat.

With the exception of Rivulet, which did not accept the best ponies among this year's Australian ponies were brought into action in the Brocken Hill Handicap, from the two mile post distance.

Cockleroi (Mr. Needa) was acclaimed favourite but the pony gave a miserable display, a hard track being more to its liking.

Triumphant Day's win was well merited, and it was to a great extent due to superb riding on the part of Mr. Tao.

I certainly did not expect it to win, especially as it was carrying too weight of 165 lbs., but the soft track evidently suited it.

The race was fought out at a very fast pace, and, repeating the tactics employed when it won the Rooly-Hill Derby, Triumphant Day shot forward after rounding the bend, despite all Mr. Encarnacao could do on Chiltern, which had to be satisfied with second place, and, coming forward with a spurt, Lady Northcote's Devonian took the other position.

Another Grand Race

There was another grand race in the second section of the Canton Handicap in which Gladiator (Mr. Tao), carrying 166 lbs., failed to come up to ex-



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pectations. Jober (Mr. Raymond) made the running from the very start, followed by Potentate (Mr. Encarnacao), with Just In Time (Mr. Needa) being content to bide his time.

Once the ponies came into the straight, however, Potentate took the race in hand, despite Mr. Needa's effort on Just In Time. Jober did well to take third place.

The next race, the second section of the Fatshan Handicap, resulted in a surprising win for Pinfarthings, which was capably handled by Mr. C. F. H. Churchill. In this case, patience in the training of this pony was well and truly rewarded.

Pinfarthings, in previous outings, had shown a profound dislike for the starting gate, but this time it was in a good position when the field got away.

Once started, there was no holding it.

I fully sympathised with Mr. "Billy" Poy. Whilst he was endeavouring to pilot his own pony, Rose-Queen into position, the gate went up, and it was a forlorn hope on his part to run after Pinfarthings. Many lengths in arrears, Rose-Queen's task was well-nigh impossible, but it did remarkably well to take second place, with Laughing Girl, also suffering from a bad start, filling the other position.

There were 10 tickets on Pinfarthings in the Double, and the holders were paid a very handsome dividend.

Mr. Churchill Again

After his success in the previous race, Mr. Churchill was not neglected in the betting when he took out Bruno in the Hobart Stakes, a sprint event.

Dr. Reidy's pony Helium, ridden by Mr. Proulx, took the lead, only to fade out long before the race was over.

Bruno was left behind, but it did not take Mr. Churchill long to move up, and once in front he had the race in his pocket.

Mr. Wei made a great effort on Bafin Bay, which was second. Ruby Star shared the honours in the betting with Bruno, but could do no better than third.

The last race of the day, the Kongmun Stakes over the two mile post distance, gave the novice jockeys an opportunity of revealing how well they can ride.

Before the race started, Bogey, anxious to get moving, collided with the gate and Mr. Payne was unseated. The pony ran back to the stables, where it was caught, and to the accompaniment of cheers, was ridden to the starting post by Mr. "Benny" Proulx!

Bogey took the lead, but before the Rock was reached, it became evident that the finish would be fought out between Some Hope (Mr. K. I. Ip), National Service (Mr. Yeung Wing Kwei), and Thanksgiving Day (Mr. Chiu Ki Fan).

Some Hope was leading on rounding the bend, but it was being strongly challenged by National Service. The latter went into the lead at the mile post, with Some Hope a beaten pony. Thanksgiving Day took third place.

ARMY CRICKET

DENYER'S SPLENDID BOWLING

Fortress Company, Royal Engineers, yesterday entered the final of the Army Large Units cricket competition when they beat the Combined Small Units at Sookunpoo by 38 runs.

For their success, R.E. have to thank Q.M.S. Goodger (48) and Spr. Shaw (43) for a fine first-wicket stand of 85, and Cpl. Denyer (9 for 36) for some really splendid bowling.

Goodger hit six fours in his innings, while Shaw found the ropes on five occasions.

Denyer was practically unplayable. At one stage he took 4 wickets for 10 runs.

For the losers, Logan, the Army opening batsman, batted steadily for 35, and he was well supported by another Army cricketer, Cpl. Webb, of R.A.M.C., who made 28. These two added 47 runs for the second wicket. Murphy was the most successful bowler, his 5 wickets costing 43 runs.

FORTRESS, R.E.

Q.M.S. Goodger, c and b Blount	48
Spr. Shaw, c Whatman, b Webb	43
Spr. Ratcliffe, b Murphy	10
Q.M.S. Moreton, st. Logan, b Murphy	14
Spr. Bailey, b Blount	3
Sgt. Carpenter, c and b Murphy	7
Q.M.S. Buckle, b Wye	18
Cpl. Denyer, b Murphy	0
Q.M.S. Bartlett, Boocock, b Murphy	2
Spr. Cork, run out	0
Spr. Heath, not out	18
Extras (W1, B4, LB1)	6
	169

Bowling Analysis	O.	M.	R.	W.
Boocock	10	3	24	0
Martin	6	2	21	0
Whatman	4	3	14	0
Webb	6	1	18	1
Blount	19	3	41	2
Murphy	14	0	43	5
Wye	2	1	2	1
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COMBINED SMALL UNITS

Drv. Logan, b Denyer	35
L/Sgt. Patterson, c Cork, b Goodger	3
Cpl. Webb, c Heath, b Denyer	28
Capt. Whatman, c and b Denyer	4
L/Cpl. Blount, b Denyer	7
Major Swire, c Bartlett, b Denyer	3
Sgt. Murphy, st. b Denyer	1
S/M White, c Bartlett, b Denyer	7
Pte. Boocock, c and b Denyer	1
L/Cpl. Martin, not out	18
Cpl. Wye, b Denyer	0
Extras (B24)	24
	131

Bowling Analysis	O.	M.	R.	W.
Moreton	2	0	9	0
Cork	4	0	17	0
Goodger	4	0	22	1
Denyer	11	0	86	9
Shaw	6	2	21	0
Ratcliffe	3	1	2	0
				1

TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS

London, To-day. Alterations in the list of probable starters for the Two Thousand Guineas, to be run at Newmarket to-day include:—Pat Beailey to ride Casanova, Sablat to ride Dispenser and Nevett to ride Diadoque. — Reuter.

CRICKET

OVER-PERFECT PITCHES

Problems Similar To Those Met In Last Century

Utilizing Avoirdupois

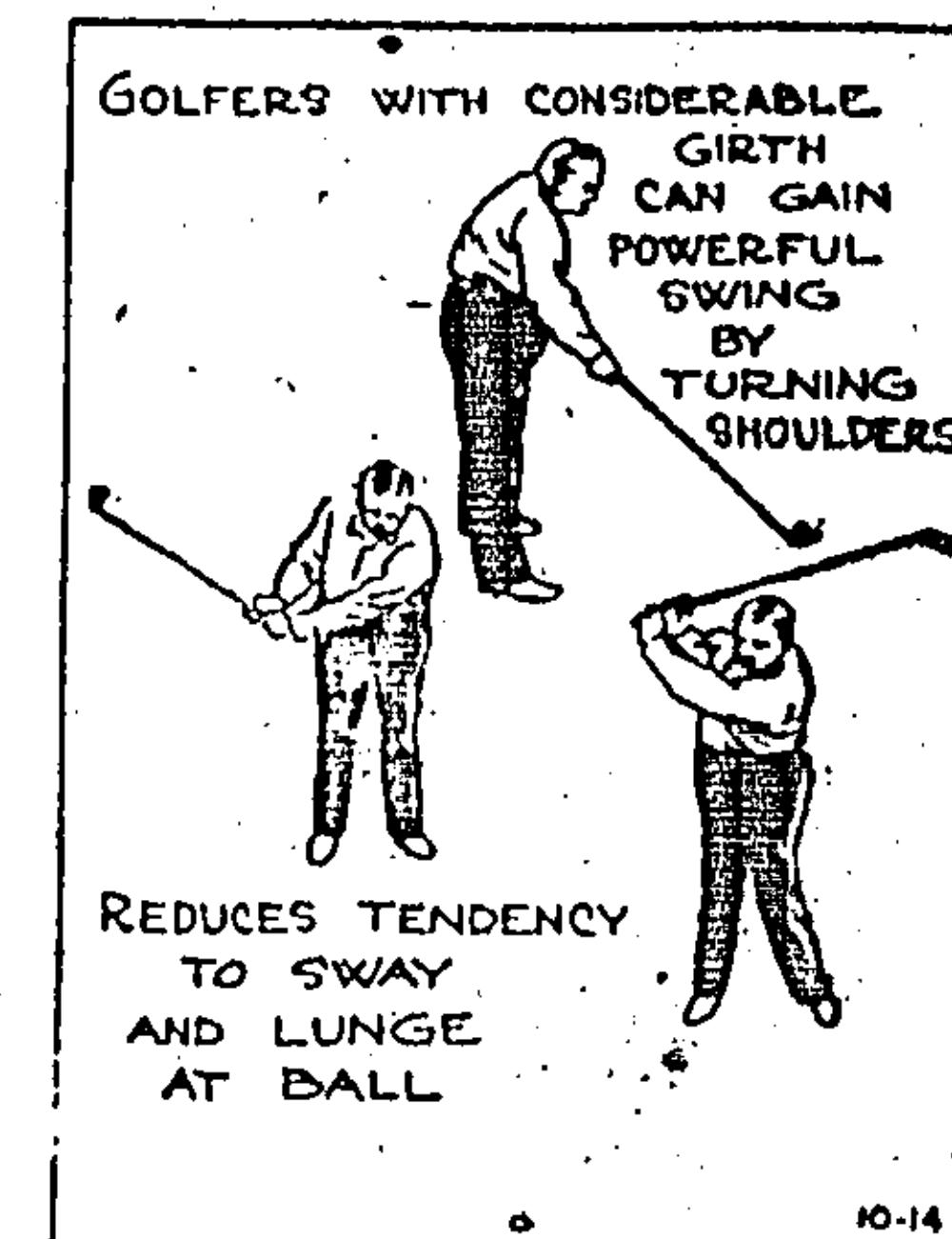
By BEST BALL

While the golfer with the big waistline may feel that he is handicapped because he hasn't the slim build and the supple body to make a wide body turn, he has recourse to a few compensating factors nevertheless. The first of these is size. If he can swing in such a manner that he can employ some of his weight into the stroke, the impact will be a powerful one even though the arc is not as wide as it might be. Secondly, the fact that he does not make such a large turn will provide greater accuracy, for there is less chance for the swing to go awry during its descent to the ball.

The golfer, however, must first remove any doubts from his mind about his capacity to get the ball into the air by just hitting into it. It is not necessary to sway and contort the body trying to scoop the ball up. The loft of the club will make the ball rise, provided the latter is hit right.

To gain accuracy at impact let the fat golfer hit the ball using arms and hands alone until the idea has registered with his muscles, then supplement it with a turn of the shoulders and greater arm motion. In other words, let the player address the ball, swing

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back with a shoulder turning movement, and then return to the address position in the downswing. Provided the hand control is correct, the pivot and follow through will follow naturally the movement initiated by the hands.

Friday—Armour's Swing.

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TOTTH PASTE—night and morning—

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A VOICE FROM THE PAST ILLUMINATES

M.C.C., having legislated on the sort of pitch that they would like the County groundsmen, acting on the instructions of the committees, to prepare, two points are worthy of consideration; first that the groundsmen, skilled and devoted men, are in most instances faced with a task which is difficult, but not incapable of achievement, at any rate by the summer of 1940; secondly that this problem of over-perfect pitches, snail-like batting, and drawn matches is far older than the memory of all but a very few cricketers.

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

The Inter-School Sports heats which were held at the S.C.A.A. Club ground yesterday afternoon, though, not being attended by a great crowd of spectators, evinced great enthusiasm, both by spectators and entrants alike.

Most impressive competitors yesterday were Tong Yau Kam, of St. Paul's College, who put the shot 38 ft., 5½ inches, while fine form was shown in the high jump by J. Adwill of La Salle College.

Of about 5'4" in high, Adwill cleared 5'2" to qualify easily for the finals to be held on the same ground on Friday afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

RESULTS

100 Metres:—First Heat:—C. Large (D.B.S.), J. Adwill (La Salle). Second Heat:—Yui Iu Tak (Wah Yan), Kwong Yue-ming (Queen's). Third Heat:—R. Castro (La Salle), Chen Chung Chow (D.B.S.). Fourth Heat:—Chan Sik Hung (Queen's).

Long Jump:—Yui Iu Tak (Wah Yan), 20 ft. 8½ ins.; J. Fenton (D.B.S.), 20 ft. 7 ins.; Wong Ki Lun (King's), 20 ft. 7 ins.; Lou Wing Chak (St. Stephen's), 20 ft. 3½ ins.

800 Metres:—First Heat:—Chan Wah Kuen (St. Paul's), A. Sequeira (La Salle), W. Pryde (C.B.S.) and Sarwat Khan (Queen's). Second Heat:—Khan Mahomed (Queen's), Pat Jorge (La Salle) and J. Gascon (St. Joseph's).

Pole Vault:—Chan Ki Cheung (D.B.S.), Yee Chua Hua (St. Paul's), Kwok Chi-hung (St. Joseph's), Lam Chung Wo (St. Paul's) and Lee Tyok Yeong (St. Stephen's) cleared 8 ft. 10½ ins. to qualify.

200 Metres:—First Heat:—Ronald Castro (La Salle), Clifton Large (D.B.S.). Second Heat:—A. Leonard (St. Joseph's), Chan Sik Hung (Queen's). Third Heat:—Robert Castro (La Salle), J. Fenton (D.B.S.). Fourth Heat:—Sin Kwok Bun (King's).

Shot Put:—Tong Yau Kau (St. Paul's), Denham Crary (D.B.S.), Teng Eng Siong (D.B.S.), R. Silva (La Salle). Best Shot Put measured 88 ft. 5½ ins.

400 Metres:—First Heat:—George Kew (D.B.S.), Ronald Castro (La Salle). Second Heat:—Augusto Sequeira (La Salle), Clifton Large (D.B.S.). Third Heat:—A. Leonard (St. Joseph's), Sin Kwok Bun (King's), Karmandar Singh (St. Joseph's) qualified at 61 seconds.

High Jump:—Orlando Poon (La Salle), J. Adwill (La Salle), Wong Kui Ling (St. Stephen's), Wong Yui Chung (St. Paul's) and Wolfgang Lue (D.B.S.).

1500 Metres: First Heat:—W. Pryde (C.B.S.), Chan Wah Kuen (St. Paul's), Chiok King Yin (D.B.S.), Sarwah Khan (Queen's). Best Time was 4 mins. 43½ secs. Second Heat:—Khan Mahomed (Queen's), Pat Jorge (La Salle), Lam Kar Cheung (King's). Best Time, 5 mins.

High Hurdles:—Yu Chia Hua (St. Paul's), B. Wilson (C.B.S.), D. Hutchinson (D.B.S.), Young Sze-ye (Wah Yan), Lau Cho Yuen (St. Joseph's).

About the year 1870 William Caffyn, of Reigate, professional cricketer of Surrey and England, returning from seven years of coaching in Melbourne and Sydney, found and deplored the increasing number of drawn games in County cricket. "The pitches having been brought to such an almost unnatural state of perfection is the chief cause of this.

It is difficult to see how this evil—for evil it undoubtedly is—can be remedied. Very modern are most of his suggested cures; enlarging the stumps—this has been done. Altering the l.b.w. rule so that a batsman is out "if the ball hit his leg when in front of the wicket, no matter where it pitched." Half of this has been done. Don Bradman would go much further. He foresees the difficulty imposed on the umpire in deciding whether a breaking ball, having hit the leg of a batsman playing forward, would have hit the stumps. But, in spite of any alteration in Laws, he thinks that "the wickets are so good that batsmen like Mr. McLaren, Abel, Hayward, Gunn, would in time score almost as heavily as at present . . . they would have to play more cautiously . . . and this might lead to slow and tedious batting." He knew in his heart that a habit of tempered audacity and freedom in a batsman is the only true way to make cricket pleasant to play and diverting to watch; and he would have resented the modern weakness for "record-hunting."

Before The Golden Age

A prophetic man, William Caffyn, and one whose cricket career is worthy of more than mere passing mention. When he wrote his memoirs cricket was verging on that period rightly called "golden." Ranji had reached, C. B. Fry and Gilbert Jessop were approaching their zenith of glory. Ranji he places "apart from all other players," not to be imitated. Of Fry he writes: "There is no reason why he should not find himself in the ranks of the England Eleven when the Test matches against our friends the Australians take place."

His judgment of W. G. Grace, whom he simply calls "the greatest of all cricketers," is that "he more closely resembles some of the old players (Mr. Myatt, Mr. Pilch, and Mr. Hankey) than those of modern times [1899] resemble him. . . . If it were possible to see Dr. Grace and Mr. Hankey at the wickets together, each well set, and each unknown to the spectators, they would in all probability pronounce Mr. Hankey the finer batsman of the pair.

What, then, had been the cause of Dr. Grace's phenomenal success? It has been from the fact of his making fewer mistakes than any other player. Dr. Grace would go to the wickets accompanied by another famous batsman; each would make perhaps 50 runs, Dr. Grace's partner playing the more brilliantly of the two. But Dr. Grace would continue to occupy the wickets long after his companion had been compelled to retire." Substitute Bradman for Grace, and Charles Macartney for Hankey, and you have the almost perfected parallel. The common factor of Grace and Bradman is their invincible continuance to "occupy the wicket."

Relay Race (400 metres, 200 metres, 200 metres, and 400 metres):—(A. Sequeira, P. Mackechnie, Robert Castro, Ronald Castro) Representing La Salle College.

(George Kew, Cheng Chong Chow, J. Fenton, Clifton Large) Representing C.B.S.

Other schools qualifying are St. Joseph's and King's College.

RUGBY

HOME SEASON IN REVIEW

Dominating Forwards And Very Poor Backs

IRELAND ROBBED OF PRIZE NOT WON FOR FORTY YEARS

THE Rugby season once more goes out on the full tide of Easter tours and "Sevens," but for the purposes of the reviewer it has already run its course—and there has been little about it to bring back vivid memories. We have had neither a good nor a particularly bad season; back play in this country, at all events, can never have been at a lower level, and the fact that England, Wales, and Ireland came out of the international tournament a triple tie is almost sufficient comment in itself.

Yet how little separated any of these countries from a Triple Crown! It needed only an English try, then an Irish try made into a goal, both scored by forwards at Twickenham, to cast down the hopes of Wales and England, and Ireland were robbed of a prize they had not won for forty years when Wales surged up with seven points in the last six minutes at Belfast.

Only fifty-nine points were scored in the six international matches, few more, that is, than Ireland and England scored between them at Dublin last season, and the main reason was to be found in lack of scoring power rather than admittedly sound defensive play.

There can have been few seasons when the unexpected has cropped up so persistently. In most cases the most likely reasoning was to arrive at a logical conclusion and then reverse it; the confusion of the prophets began with the victory of Cambridge over Oxford in the University match and had become worse confounded by the time the Royal Air Force routed the Army and so preserved the Services Championship to the Royal Navy. And if one looks for the reason one must come back to this poverty in back-play behind dominant forwards, as in the cases of England and Ireland, always excepting such a grand scrummage-half as G. J. Morgan showed himself still to be at Twickenham. The teams with the backs had no forwards and vice versa, as was so distinctly evident in the Calcutta Cup match at Murrayfield. No Scottish pack on their native heath could have been more severely outscrummaged, yet three penalty goals, gloriously kicked as they were by J. Heaton, were the only return England could make to two tries, and this must have been the last straw in Scotland's fall from Triple Crown to wooden spoon.

Three Bewildering Trials

The English selectors certainly accepted the evidence of three bewildering Trials, in which their first choices went down in each time, in playing a northern three-quarter line, and if they were curiously loth to change it after the showing of the Welsh match, perhaps, after all, there was no one else available. There was always the possibility that the midfield men might strike their best form and make use of the pace of wings like R. H. Guest and R. S. L. Carr. But neither G. A. Walker nor T. A. Kemp, well fed respectively by P. Cooke and J. Ellis, new caps, like most of the backs, was quite up to his task in the stand-off position, and so often it was the first move that led to deadlock. If only Walker had found his R.A.F. form!

England, at all events, had a magnificent set of forwards, well after the heart of a hooker like H. B. Toft. It fell to one of the new caps, D. E. Teden, to score the only English try

of the season, and no rear-rank forward deserved a place more fully than J. K. Walkins—unless it were R. J. L. Hammond, who, with Watkins and W. H. Crawford, played with as stout a heart and uncanny a sense of position as ever for the Navy. But every member of the English pack was grand. It was as a heeling machine that they so completely justified themselves; the wonder was that they did not keep the ball more often, so fruitlessly did they heel it time and again from their adversaries' goal-line.

True, they looked a little slow in the open against the tearaway pace with which the Irish forwards astonished us at Twickenham; but even then they gave their backs chances enough in the second half to have won that match. Again, it should be added, the ball was slippery—it was not dry until Murrayfield, and then the futility of England's back-play was more marked than ever. It was in the Irish match that H. D. Freakes, whose kicking is one of the delights of the game—his supposed slowness, I think, is more apparent than real—received a nasty kick that probably cost him his place against Scotland. E. J. Parsons, the R.A.F. New Zealander, continued in the line of Colonial full-backs, but if the Trials meant anything, surely G. A. Hosking who played splendidly in all of them, should have been an automatic second choice.

Wales recovered themselves nobly by drastic changes at forward after Twickenham, not least by restoring the leadership of the scrummage to W. H. Travers, second only to Toft in the sciences of hooking. It says much for their sore-pressed resources that after the retirement of Cliff Jones and the loss of several men to the Northern League they could field the best pair of half-backs in the four countries in H. Tanner and W. T. H. Davies, and a polished wing like S. Williams, W. Wooller, as an international, remains the great enigma.

The fury of the Irish pack spent itself just as a rich prize lay within their grasp; they had shortcomings behind the scrummage similar to England's. As for Scotland, unprecedentedly weak though their forwards were, they might have made a better use of their backs. The retirement of R. C. S. Dick, and an injury that kept J. G. S. Forrest out of all their matches—one hopes there is no truth in the rumour that his playing days are over—had broken the spell of Scotland's midfield triangle of renown, but I could not follow the reasoning in moving R. W. Shaw back to centre from stand-off half after the Cardiff, where he was far below himself through train sickness. In the Calcutta Cup match, too, they brought in a natural stand-off as a wing—W. C. W. Murdoch, whose flair for dropping goals might have meant as much as Heaton's charmed foot as a place-kick.

Poverty of Back Play

For once the wing forwards cannot be made wholly responsible for the poverty of back-play, much as their spoiling and obstruction as a modern

FAVOURITE ELIMINATED FROM GOLF TOURNEY

London, To-day.—A young unknown, R. Caville, of Stockport, who beat Charles Stowe, the Walker Cup player and Midlands favourite for the title, by two and one, in the second round, provided the first big sensation in the English Amateur Golf Championship.

The holder, J. J. Pennink, and former holders Harry Bentley, Leonard Crawley, and Stanley Hunt all entered the third round. —Reuter.

U.S. BASEBALL

Red Sox In Thrilling Tussle With Senators

New York, To-day. There was a full programme of games in both the National and American Baseball Leagues yesterday.

In the American League the Boston Red Sox pipped the Senators in the 11th inning. Foxx hit a home run for the Red Sox.

The Senators registered 10 hits to the Red Sox's 9 but made more errors.

The following are the results of games played.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	2	7	1
Brooklyn	3	5	1
New York	1	5	1
Philadelphia	8	12	0

(Brack homered).

Pittsburgh	3	8	0
Chicago	5	10	0
Cincinnati	5	13	0
(Meyers homered).			
St. Louis	1	10	1

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Philadelphia	4	8	4
(Etten homered).			
New York	8	13	0
(Selkirk homered).			
Washington	5	10	3
Boston	6	9	1
(Foxx Homered).			
(Game went to 11 innings).			
St. Louis	7	12	2
Detroit	2	6	0
Chicago	1	4	0
Cleveland	7	12	2
(Campbell hit two home runs).			
Reuter.			

KOWLOON C.C. BOWLS

The following have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club on this Saturday's League matches:

First Division v I.R.C. (Away)

V. C. Labrum, J. W. M. Brown, H. Nish, and F. Goodwin (Skip).

W. Hyde, T. A. Madar, H. Overy, and E. C. Fincher (Skip).

Geo. Lee, W. Mulcahy, J. Hyde, and E. Kern (Skip).

Reserve:—A. C. Tribble.

Second Division v Club de Recreio (Home)

W. H. Hobbs, F. E. Nash, R. Meadows, and J. M. Jack (Skip).

W. Naef, A. Madar, W. G. Bowden, and T. W. Carr (Skip).

A. W. Ramsey, F. A. Fabel, A. E. Perry, and W. W. Hirst (Skip).

Reserves:—W. Nash, P. A. Murphy, W. Paterson, T. B. M. Connolly, and H. F. Shields.

The matches are to start at 4 p.m. sharp.

The weekly practice day is Wednesday, games commencing at 5.15 to 5.30 p.m., and League players are requested to attend as regularly as possible.

All reserves are requested to turn out on Saturdays. A rink-game or some other competition will be arranged for them.

RECREIO BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent Recreio in the Lawn Bowls League games on Saturday:

v. K.B.G.C. (HOME)

C. M. Silva, J. F. V. Ribeiro, L. J. Silva and F. X. M. Silva (skip).

J. Luz, A. P. Gutierrez, R. F. Luz and H. A. Alves (skip).

L. F. Xavier, C. E. Marques, J. E. Noronha and C. G. Silva (skip).

v. C.C.C. (AWAY)

L. A. Gutierrez, D. C. Alves, C. R. Pereira and B. Basto (skip).

C. C. Pereira, A. M. Xavier, E. Sousa and F. X. Soares (skip).

F. Machado, C. H. Basto, F. V. V. Ribeiro and J. J. Basto (skip).

v. K.C.C. (HOME)

J. C. Remedios, A. Rodrigues, J. R. Soares and O. P. Remedios (skip).

M. Alarcon, F. A. Xavier, C. Vas and C. A. Lopes (skip).

L. Leon, M. A. Carvalho, G. M. S. Alves and P. Yvanovich (skip).

L.R.C. TEAM

The following is the L.R.C. Senior team for Saturday:

K.C.C. (Home)

J. Hoosen, S. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Minu, and A. K. Minu (skip).

D. M. Khan, A. M. Wahab, M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dallak (skip).

A. N. Rumjahn, A. Baker, A. O. Madar, and M. R. Abbas (skip).

"That Music Reminds Me"
From The Studio

12.12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Al Bollington at the Organ. Medley Of Serenades. Intro: Serenade "Frasquita" (Lehar); Serenade (Heykens); Serenade (Schubert); Serenade (Toselli); Second Serenade (Heykens); Serenade ("Student Prince"—Romberg).

Escapada (A Mexican Elopement—Phillips).

Lionel Monckton Melodies (arr. Stanford Robinson). Intro: Soldiers in the Park; Chalk Farm to Camberwell Green; Fly away Jack; A simple little string; When I marry Amelia; Grandmamma; Brighton; Moonstruck; Arcady is ever young; Its the Drum; Come to the Ball; A country Girl.

12.46 p.m.—The Angelus Octet. Nocturne In E Flat Major (Chopin, Op. 9, No. 2—arr. Hartley); Spring Song—Song Without Words No. 89 (Mendelssohn, Op. 62, No. 6); Cradle Song (Brahms, arr. Hartley); Serenade (Schubert).

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Gitta Alpar (Soprano) and George Boulanger & His Orchestra. Hungarian March Potpourri (Pecsi Prichystal)... George Boulanger and His Orchestra.

Sing Something In The Morning (C. B. Cochran's Revue "Home and Beauty"); No More (C. B. Coch-

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ran's Revue "Home and Beauty")... Gitta Alpar (Soprano) with Orch.

Gypsy Serenade (Boulanger); Tango Torero (Boulanger).... Georg Boulanger & His Orchestra.

The Dubarry (film "I Give My Heart")... Gitta Alpar (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Caucasian Suite (Ippolitow-Iwanow)... George Boulanger & His Orch.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Dance Music & Variety. Organ—Lilac Time—Selection (Schubert)... Harry Davidson.

Instrumental—Just A Crazy Song (Smith & Williams)... Eddie Peabody playing his Banjo, Guitar, Mandoline and Mando-Cello (with own vocal chorus). With Piano.

Dance Orch.—Sha-Sha—Slow Fox-Trot; The Latin Quarter—Fox-Trot (film "The Gay Impostors")... The Six Swingers directed by George Scott Wood. With Vocal Chorus.

Vocal—Wake Up And Live (from the film); There's A Lull In My Life (film "Wake Up and Live")... Alice Faye with Cy Feuer Orch.

Humorous—The Crazy Gang At Sea (Crazy Gang & Will Wise)... Nervo & Knox; Flanagan & Allen; Naughton & Gold.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Brahms Songs.

The May Night; Sapphic Ode.... Maria Olzewska (Contralto) with Piano accomp. by George Reeves. (Sung in German).

6.06 p.m.—Brahms—Symphony No. 3 In F Major, Op. 90. Willem Mengelberg & His Concertgebouw Orchestra.

6.43 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.45 p.m.—Robert Burnell (Baritone) and Margaret Stewart (Soprano) in a Scottish Programme.

The Portree Men, March; Because He Was A Bonnie Lad, Straith-spey; The Wind That Shook The Barley, Reel.... Pipe Band of H.M.

2nd Battalion Scots Guards. The Auld Scots Sangs (Bethune & Leesch—arr. McFfati); I'm Gled My Heir's My Ain (arr. Inglis)... Margaret F. Stewart (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Petronella (arr. Diack); Strip The Willow (arr. Diack).... Scottish Country Dance Orchestra cond. by J. Michael Diack.

Willie's Gane To Melville Castle (Stephen & Burnett); The Lea Rig (arr. Burnett)... Robert Burnett (Baritone) with Piano.

Bonnie Scotland (arr. Pether). Intro: Stop your tickling, Jock; Bonnie Banks o' Lock Lomond; Four leaf Shamrock; Roaming in the Gloaming; Keep right on to the end of the road; She is ma Daisy; Ye banks and braes; I love a lassie; Comin' thro' the Rye; Auld Lang Syne... New Mayfair Orchestra.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Gentle Per-

suasion'. A short story written for broadcasting by Kevin Fitzgerald and read by the author.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—'At the Black Dog'. Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Violoncello Solos by Maurice Marchal.

Indian Lament (Dvorak, arr. Kreisler); Dimanche De Paques Sur La Mer (Dupont, arr. de Feuillard)... with Maurice Faure at the Piano.

Serenade Espagnole (Glazounow, Op. 20, No. 2)... with Jean Doyen at the Piano.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Sing-Song'. A mid-week variety entertainment.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—'Empire Exchange'. Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 p.m.—Studio—"That Music Reminds Me"—3. Dialogue by Terence Gilbert.

10.20 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 6 In G Major ("Surprise"). Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitsky.

10.43 p.m.—Saint-Saens—Septet, Op. 65. Foveau (Trumpet); Cantrelle (1st Violin); Bellanger (2nd Violin); Vieux (Viola); Marnell ("Cello"); Nanny (Double-bass); and Faure (Piano).

11 p.m.—Close down.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S — "Always Good-bye". Barbara Stanwyck, Herbert Marshall and Ian Hunter in a vivid and gripping drama of conflicting loves, superbly staged and powerfully portrayed. A fine supporting cast includes Cesar Romero, Lynn Bari, Binnie Barnes, Franklyn Pangborn, Ben Welden and Hollywood's latest child star, little Johnny Russell.

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AT THE STAR—"The Perfect Specimen". A whirlwind of fun and thrills starring Erroll Flynn, Joan Blondell, Hugh Herbert, Edward Everett Horton, Beverly Roberts, May Robson and Allen Jenkins.

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AT THE QUEEN'S — "The Great Man Votes", with John Barrymore, Peter Holden, Virginia Weidler and Katharine Alexander. Said to give the famous actor his finest role in years, "The Great Man Votes" presents John Barrymore as a broken-down wreck of a once famous scholar who, through the love and resourcefulness of his two children, again becomes a "great man." Peter Holden and Virginia Weidler have the roles of the two youngsters, and Luis Alberni, Donald MacBride, Katharine Alexander, Granville Bates and J. M. Kerrigan are prominently cast in this unusual offering.

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AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Man's Paradise"—An epic of Bali and Pagan love.

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AT THE ORIENTAL—"Night Club Scandal". Murder before your eyes! The crime pinned on an innocent man. John Barrymore in his most exciting role as a cold-blooded, murderous doctor who nearly brings off the perfect crime. The fine cast includes Lynne Overman, Charles Bickford, Louise Campbell, Elisabeth Patterson and Evelyn Brent.

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AT THE CATHAY—"Josette". Papa wants to marry Josette, so his two big sons come to the rescue, with the result of one of the season's gayest musical romance with Don Ameche, Simon Simone, Robert Young, Bert Lahr, John Davis, Paul Hurst and William Collier, senr.

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AT THE MAJESTIC—"My Bill". Screen version of the well-known stage-play "Courage", with Kay Francis in her most appealing role as the mother of three ungrateful children and little Dickie Moore, who steals right into one's heart as the little ladie who fights for her happiness. With Kay Francis, John Little, Anita Louise, Bonita Granville, Bobbie Jordan, Elizabeth Risden and Dickie Moore.

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♥ 10 9
♦ A K Q 3
♦ J 8 7

♦ 7 5
♥ Q 8 7 4 2
♦ 10 9 8
♦ A 6 3

N E S

♦ 8 6 4
♥ A K J 5 3
♦ J 2
♦ K Q 10

The bidding:

South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♦ ... Pass
2♦ Pass 2NT Pass
3♦ Pass 4♥ Pass
Pass Pass

With hearts massed in back of him, Declarer had no play for four hearts and actually managed to play the hand in such manner as to go down two tricks, whereas three notrump was of course a laydown and should have been the final contract.

South blamed his partner for the four-heart bid, but North contended (and we believe properly) that following his partner's three-spade bid, he could not bid three notrump with no stopper in clubs and that South's three-spade bid was very bad.

This last we agree with entirely. The distribution

strength in one unbid suit and an honour in the other. Hence he really had little to fear from the unbid suits and should simply have bid three notrump over his partner's two notrump.

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You were Oswald Jacoby's partner yesterday and held:

♦ 8 6 4
♥ A K J 5 3
♦ J 2
♦ K Q 10

Both sides were vulnerable.

The bidding:

Maier Burnstine Jacoby Schenken
1♥ Pass 1♦ Pass
2♦ Pass 2NT Pass
2♥ Pass

(?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is three notrump (this question is explained in to-day's hand).

Score 100% for three notrump, 40% for three spades, 0 for three hearts (you have already rebid your five-card heart suit once), 0 for pass (since you have a sound opening bid, there is no reason why you should suddenly drop the bidding). Question No. 83

You are Merwin Maier's partner and hold:

♦ Q 10 9 8 7 6 5
♥ x x x
♦ x x x
♦ x x x

The bidding:

Maier Burnstine Jacoby Schenken
1♦ Pass 1♦ (4)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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ARMS OF JUNK CONFISCATED

Wong Yu-ching, 32, assistant junk master, and Wong Yee, 53, foki, were charged before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, with possession of four muskets, two cannons, and 180 percussion caps, on board junk No. T2223H, and possession of 12½ pounds of gunpowder.

Inspector Russell said the arms and ammunition were found on board the junk at Shaukiwan harbour during a patrol search. Defendants were not the owners, and the junk master was not in the Colony.

The Police did not take a serious view, because the arms were for protection of the junk.

Defendants were fined \$50 or two months. The arms and ammunition were confiscated.

TRAINING SHIP

A craft which will serve as a training ship for the H.K.N.V.F. and carry out the duties of Lighthouse Tender and other duties formerly discharged by the Kau Sing, is to be built at a cost of \$400,000 by Government.

Of the total, \$240,000 will be spent this year.

Forty items of supplementary expenditure to be submitted to Legislative Council Finance Committee to-morrow for approval produce a total of \$1,229,182. All is new expenditure, not represented by savings under any other heads.

CORNER HANG-OUT OF SNATCHERS

That European ladies were frequently the victims of a gang of snatchers operating at the junction of Nathan and Waterloo Roads, was disclosed at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when two youths were charged with snatching or as accessories after the fact.

Man Hung, 22, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, and Kan Hung, 20, was given six months for three snatchings and three months for breach of the deportation ordinance.

Victims were Mrs. A. Carvalho, of Ashley Road, Miss A. Soares, of Nga Chun Lung Road, and Mrs. Quie, of Homuntin Street.

"Every day there has been some report of a snatching in that location," said Det.-Sgt. C. Pope, asking the Magistrate to take a serious view.

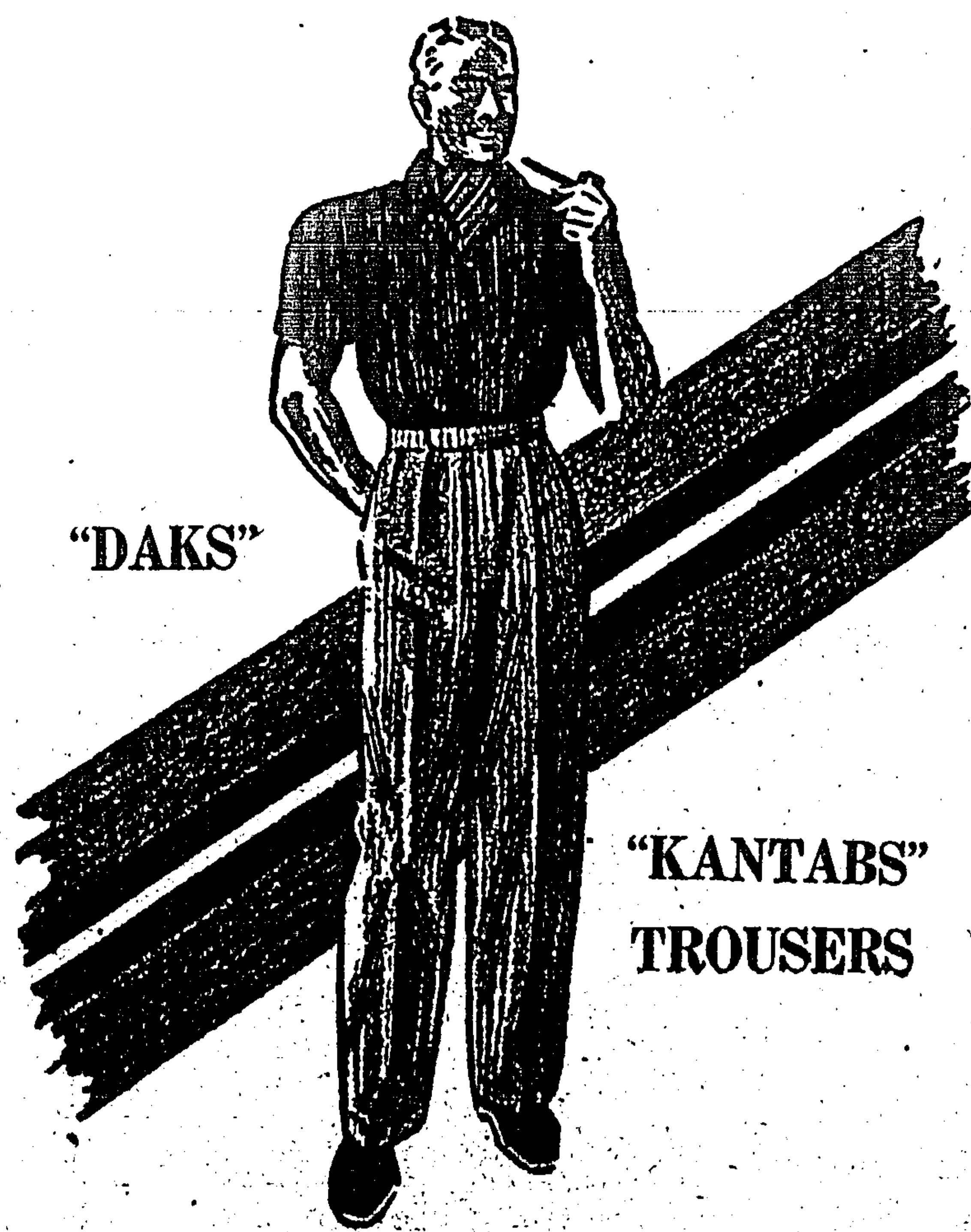
FLAGS RETURNED: BAN MAINTAINED

Shanghai, To-day. Some 220 Chinese national flags were returned to the Chinese Ratepayers' Association by the French authorities yesterday. However, the Chinese are still prohibited from flying the flag.

Chungking has taken the matter up, it is learned.—Our Own Correspondent.

Twenty-five Singer sewing machines are to be purchased by the prison department, as more tailoring work is now being done in the prison.

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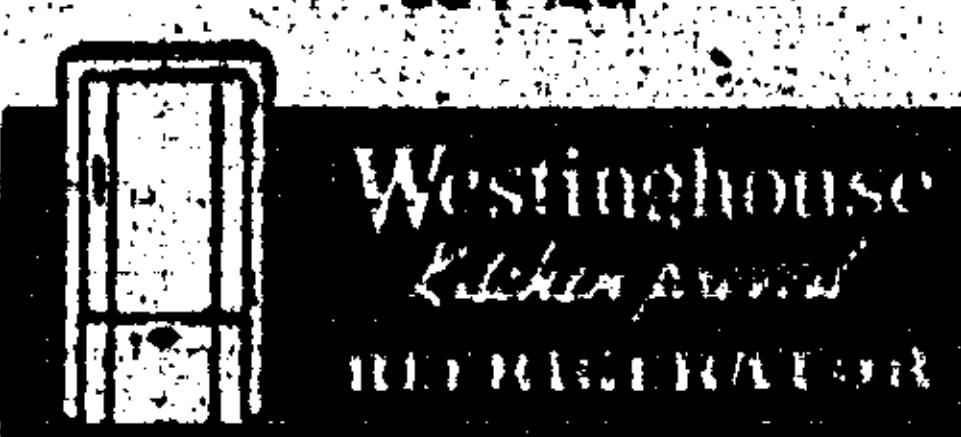


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